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The Nativity, or the birth of Christ, has been one of the most popular subjects of Christian art from the very earliest ages. In the light of present day ideals and progress it is very interesting to make a study of these. Some of the very earliest pictures showed the Child, with the ox and the ass, worshipping, very evidently intending to convey the meaning that all nature joined in adoration. Later, in the middle ages, the pictures were peopled with many figures, but with the centre of interest always remaining with the mother and Child.

A large number of artists and sculptors have endeavored to work out on canvas and in marble, the scene in the stable in the little town of Bethlehem on that Holy Night of Christ's birth. Among those who have won fame in this subject are: Giotto, Duccio, Fra Angelico Lippi, Botticelli, Tintoretto, Correggio, Durer, Raphael and Murillo. A very large number of the artists came from Italy, many from Germany and some from France.

The picture shown on this page is a copy of Henri Le Rolle's, *Arrival of the Shepherds*. It is a comparatively recent painting, and one which, by its beauty and simplicity, has won wide favor. Le Rolle was a French artist. He was born in Paris, in 1848, and studied under famous teachers. His favorite subjects were landscapes with a few figures. Some of his pictures have wonderful effects of light and shade.

The picture is one that instantly attracts and holds attention and interest. The story is best told in the simple but graphic words of St. Luke:

"And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped Him in

THE CHILD CHRIST

swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them: 'Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.'

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

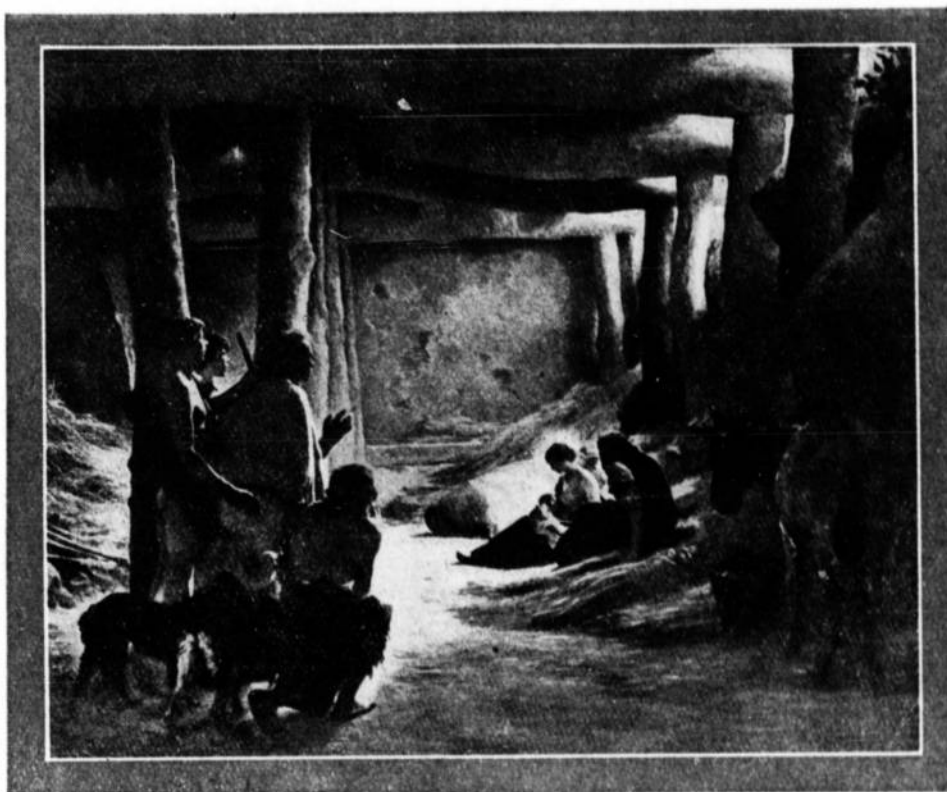
"And they came with haste, and found Mary,

and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. . . .

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."



Arrival of the Shepherds, by Le Rolle

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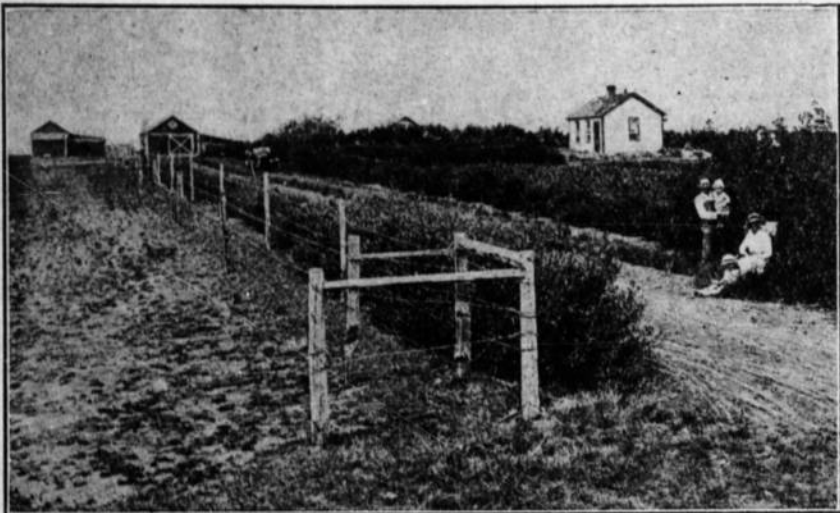
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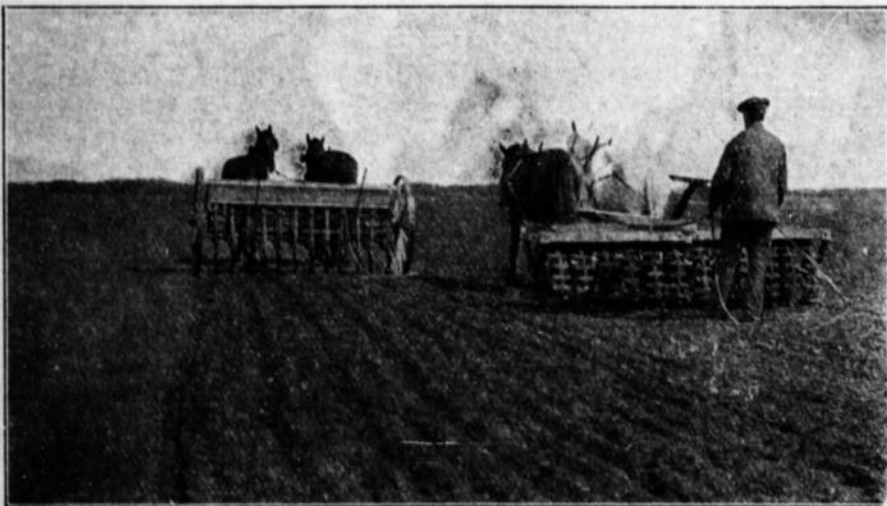
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"And on Earth Peace - -"

An old-time Christmas prophecy that is timely still

By Rev. H. D. RANNS

THE Babe of Bethlehem was born The Prince of Peace, but even yet, so many hundreds of years after his birth, the prophecy of the angels is unfulfilled. The leading nations of the world have nominally crowned that Child as Lord of their destinies, but amid the clamor of a warring world His voice is not heard, and His counsel not heeded. Hate holds high revel yet. The lesson of the Great War has not been learned, and we hear on all sides talk of "the next war." The approach of the Christmas season, with its festival of joy and peace, when men and women of goodwill strive to promote good fellowship in the name of the Holy Child Jesus, is a happy time in which to emphasize the worth of the gospel of peace among men and nations.

Six centuries ago the poet Dante called attention to the failure of Christianity to fulfil this promise of peace on earth. Today, Federal Council of Churches of America calls war "the world's chief collective sin." A peaceful world is still an aspiration and not an achievement. Surely, this is to the shame of Christendom. Ramsay MacDonald, says, "The world is too small to fight in." It ought also to be too much Christian for war. So far is that from being the case that the countries possessing the greatest armies and navies are those most professedly Christian. Mars is seated on the throne of the Christian universe, and has usurped the place of the Prince of Peace!

In all this there is cause for heart-searching and arousement on the part of professing Christians everywhere. Mr. Lloyd George has said, "If the churches of Christ throughout Europe

and America allow another war to fructify, they had better close their doors. The next war, if it comes, will be against civilization itself. What I saw of the war, day by day, makes me vow that I will consecrate what is left of my energies to make it impossible that humanity shall, in the future, have to pass through the fire, the terrors, the cruelty, the horror and the squalor of war." And Earl Haig, the great British commander of the forces, has said, "It is the business of the churches to make my business impossible."

Before war shall be finally outlawed, there is much to be done. For one thing, many honest Christian men and women need to be convinced that such a consummation is both desirable and possible. It is surprising to find that when this subject has been discussed in the columns of a number of prominent religious journals in both Canada and the United States, a wide divergence of opinion is revealed. In many places even yet, the view which we associated so thoroughly with German propaganda, the view that war is a biological necessity, and that without it the world would become stale and anaemic, is held strongly. The "glory" of war still lingers in some minds, haunted by martial music and hypnotized by stirring tales of past heroisms. Still others, though not saying so in so many words, are influenced by the fact that war is often profitable to certain interests, interests with which they themselves are identified. I have

even known prairie farmers rather thoughtlessly voicing that view. They forget that in the end war brings its slump in the wake of its boom. To these classes of people must be added the large number of good folk who do not know any reason why, they are sure, that war is a necessary element in human life except that it is "inevitable." It is the fact that good people consider it "inevitable" that makes it so. When public opinion shall be made to realize that war is "impossible," then the task of the lovers of peace will be accomplished, but not till then.

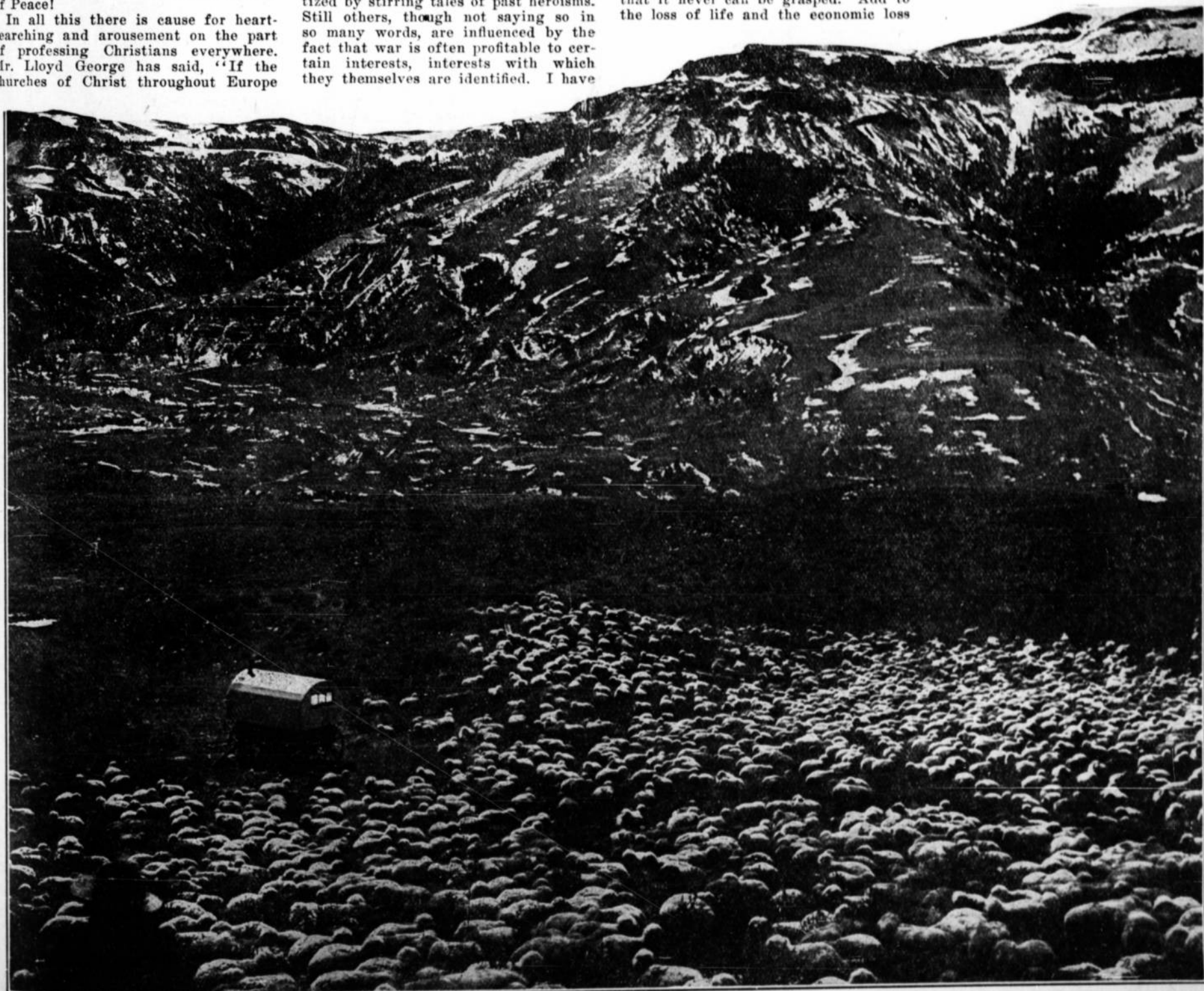
Why should not war be considered impossible. It really has no single valid argument to commend it in these days. Whatever argument it may have had on its side in the past, in the redressing of grievances that then could be remedied no other way, does not now apply. The fact is that today war is being increasingly recognized by earnest, thoughtful men and women, as both revolting and futile. When a man like T. A. Edison, says, in answer to a question as to whether the population of old London could be killed by gas in 12 hours, "The thing could be done in three hours," something of the horror of any future war may be readily imagined. Or, rather, we should say, that it never can be grasped. Add to the loss of life and the economic loss

the terrible moral backsliding war always brings in its train, you have an account against it that is appalling in its enormity. A very thoughtful man told me in England, this summer, that the war had put England back, morally, 50 years! And then we talk lightly of the "next war." God help us if it comes!

The futility of war in these days is almost as complete as its horror. Competent observers of the present state of Europe are convinced that the Great War created more problems than it solved. Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, editor of a great American religious journal, who has recently returned from a prolonged tour of Europe, in a letter to the present writer, says, that the condition of southern Europe is as dangerous to world peace as it was when the incident at Sarajevo set the world ablaze. He analyzes the condition of the countries of Europe, and finds all manner of hatreds, jealousies and prejudices directed against surrounding nations, and requiring but a spark of apparent grievance to fire the flame of war. If the Christian world is not alert and vigilant, we shall wake up one fine morning to find ourselves once again in a world at war. With what sophistries would we save our souls then?

What can the Christian do? For one thing, he can be a Christian. That will be task enough for most of us! He can

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This photo was a long-time exposure, taken by moonlight on the summer range in Wyoming

Footsteps of the Pioneers

THE most interesting and by no means the least profitable part of that prairie farm was the garden. It produced luscious strawberries every month from July to November, while raspberries equal to British Columbia's best, as well as currants and gooseberries were there in abundance. In August and September apples, crab apples, plums and cherries of many varieties and splendid quality ripened on the trees, while there were wild fruits in great profusion. Not only had the family plenty of fruit for their own use, but they had a considerable quantity to sell, with a market demand that could not be supplied. And when winter set in the cellar fruit closet contained rows upon rows of jars of their own garden products to contribute to the health and comfort of the family during the months to come."

No, friends, this is not a picture from California nor British Columbia nor Ontario. It is a composite picture of a Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta farm home, a few of which are already in existence and thousands of which are soon to follow.

During the past two or three years The Guide has published fruit growing experiences from readers in all parts of the three prairie provinces. The interest in fruit growing is becoming very keen, and there is a growing realization that the horticultural possibilities of the prairies have been much underestimated. I decided, therefore, during the past summer to visit a number of those who are doing outstanding work in fruit growing and to gather the ripened fruit and test its qualities both raw and cooked. It has not been possible to visit personally more than comparatively few of the fruit growers, yet I have derived sufficient information to state that the opening paragraph of this story is a correct picture of the fruit growing possibilities of the prairie provinces which may easily be translated into a practical reality on most of the farms in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The past summer has been the most unfavorable from the standpoint of horticulture that has been known in the prairie provinces for at least 20 years. The cold and late spring and the frequent frosts throughout the summer delayed growth, destroyed a considerable amount of fruit and handicapped everything. The results of the year are consequently of outstanding importance and indicate possibilities far ahead of those actually achieved in such an unfavorable season.

At the Agricultural College

In company with visiting horticulturists from Eastern Canada, United States and Manitoba, I visited the horticultural section of the farm at Manitoba Agricultural College, on August 12. Prof. Brodrick showed the visitors through the eight acres devoted to fruit growing, where they received an excellent introduction to fruit growing on the prairies. Crab apples of the Transcendant and Whitney varieties have fruited well for several years on the college farm, and of the Saunders' hybrids there were the Osman, Columbia, Tony, Elsa and Sylvia, in bearing. No standard apple trees were bear-

Achievements and the possibilities of fruit growing on the prairie farm

By GEORGE F. CHIPMAN



A heavily-loaded branch of Pembina Plums growing at the Morden Experimental Farm

ing fruit, but a number are approaching the fruiting age. The Assiniboine, Mammoth, Cheney and Aitken plums were all bearing, as well as the Sand Cherry hybrids, Opata, Sapa, Sansoto and Zumbra and Tom Thumb cherries. The Zumbra cherry trees had a big crop, but Prof. Brodrick does not consider the fruit at all equal to the Tom Thumb. Several varieties of raspberries were fruiting, and Prof. Brodrick also has a large number of test rows of different varieties of strawberries, both the everbearing and summerbearing. He is also testing about 20 varieties of currants, most of which he finds yield abundantly, and several varieties of gooseberries which are not

so prolific. He planted last spring a large number of newer varieties of standard apples, plums, cherries and crabs, and in a few years the Agricultural College farm will afford an excellent demonstration of fruit growing, and will undoubtedly turn the attention of more and more of the students in the direction of horticulture.

A 300-Barrel Orchard

The next visit made by the party was Pine Grove Nursery, Morden, Man., where the late A. P. Stevenson, the "Grand Old Man" of prairie horticulture, did such a magnificent work for his fellowmen during nearly 50 years residence on that prairie homestead. He

had an abiding faith that this was a country not only for growing wheat and cattle, but for the development of a splendid horticulture and the establishment of real homes. Failure marked his early efforts, but with matchless perseverance he continued his experiments, and today the orchards at Pine Grove Nursery are a source of wonder and pride to every visitor. In front of the old Stevenson home stands a Transcendant crab apple tree 40 years of age, still bearing fruit in abundance. A little way off is the old apple orchard with its Blushed Calville, Repka Kis-laga, Charlamoff, Ostrakoff, Hiberna, and other varieties of Russian apple trees, which were loaded with fruit on the day the visitors arrived. From this orchard Mr. Stevenson harvested one autumn, a few years ago, no less than 300 barrels of apples. Several of the varieties are splendid eating apples, and all of them are first class cooking fruit. Many varieties of plums have fruited successfully at Pine Grove Nursery, notably the Emerald, Minnesota No. 131, Kaga, Stella, Etapa, and Pembina and several of the newer varieties. The well known Mammoth plum was developed by the late Mr. Stevenson, being a seedling of the Cheney. Raspberries and strawberries have long been successful fruits at Pine Grove nursery.

Prairie Cherries

Of chief interest to the visitors at Pine Grove Nursery, was a hedge row of Vladimir cherries. Back in 1891, the late Mr. Stevenson secured a shipment of the then newly introduced hardy Russian cherry trees. Gradually nature thinned them out and cut them down until Mr. Stevenson discarded all except the Vladimir and Shubianca varieties, grown extensively north of Moscow, in Russia, the former being the better in quality. Some of the trees fruited after a few years, there being naturally a great variation in the quality of the fruit. Pits from the best Vladimir fruit were planted, and in due time produced trees which again began to fruit about 10 years ago. Pits from the best of these were again selected and planted. Probably there

are 500 to 600 of these cherry trees growing close together in hedge rows six to 13 feet high, and bearing, in August last, quite abundantly a beautiful bright red cherry. It was rather an inspiring sight to see upwards of 50 people busily engaged eating cherries in a Manitoba orchard. The horticultural experts from Eastern Canada pronounced the best of these Vladimir cherries to be quite equal to the best sour cherry produced in Ontario. By the courtesy of Robert Stevenson, I received a large basket of these Vladimir cherries, and can testify to their high quality when converted into pies and preserves. In a few years the Vladimir cherry will be well known throughout the prairies. It is the only cultivated true cherry of high quality which can yet be described as hardy and fruitful on the prairies. Mr. Stevenson's sons are carrying on their father's work, and the name and tradition of Stevenson is a household word for reli-



A corner of the orchard at the Morden Farm during apple-picking time

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Memories of '85

An old-timer's tale of the Northwest Rebellion

By REG. BEATTY



Reg. Beatty, of Melfort, Sask.

AFTER serving a full term of clerkship in the Hudson's Bay Co. service for 11 years, I decided to look for a central location in a large area of first class soil and there make a permanent home. I found what I was looking for in the Carrot River Valley, and finally located on the banks of Melfort Creek, near the present town of Melfort, in the summer of 1884. This Stony Creek as it was then called had been a favorite gathering place for Indians for many years, and several fur traders used to winter some two miles south of my farm.

Fort Qu'Appelle, or rather the C.P.R. station adjacent, was my nearest railroad point, some 250 miles, and there I went in October and returned with a small trading outfit. There were some four bands of Indians in the vicinity or rather within a radius of some 75 miles. Competition was very keen in the fur trade and one had to visit the various camps with dog sleigh and snowshoe if he wanted to be successful.

A fair knowledge of the Cree language obtained in the Hudson's Bay service was of great benefit, and I soon made some friends amongst the Indians, especially with the South Wind's band. Others, however, were much displeased to have a white settler established on their hunting grounds, and on two occasions armed parties of them warned me off what they considered their territory. None of these Indians had yet accepted the treaty and opinion was strongly divided amongst them as to its merits.

Rebellion Brewing

One of my keenest opponents in the fur trade was Maxime — (afterwards sentenced to seven years, but shortly released). He was extremely surly whenever we met on the trail, and I soon realized he was preaching active rebellion in every camp, so naturally I became a strong counter influence in the cause of loyalty, and with success in a good many cases. Kinistino's band, however, remained sullenly neutral, while the Nut Lakers were hostile.

Louis Reil was in the country, and all the native element was in a state of unrest. Runners were being sent by him to most of the Indian camps in Saskatchewan. These people made lavish promises that the good old times would return if the white men were driven out, also game would abound and so on. I only went for my mail monthly, as the nearest post office was 30 miles to the west, so we were largely dependent on traders and Indian reports for any outside news.

It was well on in March, when a young friendly Indian (We-ah-gun) came in from the South Wind's camp. We gave him the usual cup of tea, and he said bad news had been heard by them of fighting at Duck Lake, and that the whites were defeated and many killed. His father did not credit this so sent him in to me for confirmation. I was also in the dark, having had no mail for a month, so we decided to visit the traders' camps only a short distance south and away we went in saddle.

On coming out of the woods at the site of the shanties we saw signs of a hurried abandonment, empty boxes lay about and the place looked deserted. Had it been raided?

While we were staring at the scene a shanty door opened and a strange Indian's head in full war paint peered out. My companion gave one glance at him, then lashing his pony went off east at a mad gallop. The head was withdrawn and the door closed. I tied my pony up and went in. The Indian and his squaw were the only occupants with a bundle of bedding. I spoke to them quietly, noting that they had no provisions and invited them to my house, saying we had a native nurse girl there who spoke good Saulteaux. But they would not speak. Finally tired of their silence I picked up their bedding told them they could follow it, and put it on my saddle, then walked the pony towards home. Looking back I noted they were slowly following.

The Indian's Tale

After a night at the house and two good meals, Mr. Indian thawed out and began to talk. His wife opened her heart to our girl and verified the Indian news about the Duck Lake fight. This they both claimed had been started by the whites, and he further went on to say that his own brother was the first Indian shot by the police interpreter, and that he was now on his way to join Riel's men and try and avenge his brother's death, a project, however, which his wife was very much opposed to. The reason he explained for their poverty was that they started out with a pony from Nut Lake, this drowned crossing a river, and they lost all their effects.

Here was war upon us with a vengeance, and an active hostile for a guest or prisoner—which? On thinking the matter over, I told Mr. Indian he must stay at the house until my return, putting him on his honor to take care of my wife and little children, and this they both faithfully promised.

The Carrot River Fort

Next morning early I started for the Carrot River settlement, some 30 miles

to the west, going fully armed with a 14-shot Winchester and a big six-shooter. I was riding and the ridges being bare of snow fired the old grass on them, this to prevent the danger of fall fires which were bad.

On reaching the river at the old crossing, I found a number of settlers busy fortifying a log house. One of them dashed up to me catching my bridle rein and shouting, "Indians in every bush." My reply was dry and short to the effect that I had not seen them." A number gathered round and the news I heard was bewildering, if true? Indians reported in active rebellion on all sides; murder and massacre amongst lone settlers and ranchmen; our side badly whipped; Fort Carleton burnt and every settler for miles around taking refuge in Prince Albert.

These settlers had formed a committee of defence under Capt. Myers, and to them I related the story of the Nut Laker, and asked what disposition I should make of him, further stating if they wanted him as a prisoner I would bring him in. While the committee were consulting I looked over the premises. The place swarmed with women and children. There was little or no attempt at discipline, and I could by no means consider placing my family there.

The committee sent for me and stated I was to use my own judgment as to the Nut Lake Indian (a self declared rebel) but to warn him not to approach the fort or he would be liable to be shot. Captain Myers then kindly offered me the position of second in command, but this I was compelled to decline. When he pressed me for a reason I gave several, the principal one being that his fort was not defensible; there was no water supply, no bastions or lookouts, in fact it was a wooden trap and I would feel very much safer with my family in a bluff.

The captain asked about supplies, and I told him I would be happy to bring in all the surplus ammunition and food I had in stock and take his receipts, and with this he was quite satisfied. Before I leave this brief reference to the famous Carrot River fort, the late Tom McKay, that well known loyalist

told me the ponies were hitched up and a strong party of heavily-armed French half-breeds were just starting to raid this post when news of Middleton's advance reached them and the plan was dropped.

A Rebel Redeemed

On reaching home I found the Indian had behaved well, so I had a serious talk with him, advising strongly that he return to Nut Lake or Touchwood Hills where he came from; that if he went on his life would not be worth a rush, for in the excited state of the settlers they would shoot at anything in the shape of an Indian. I could not give him any ammunition, but I would spare a few rations of flour, tea, sugar and tobacco, also some snaring twine which would see him safely home. His wife joined with me in coaxing him. Finally he promised to start back next morning, which he did. Exit Nut Laker.

A short digression may be pardoned here to show that contrary to Yankee opinion, even Indians will show gratitude, in fact I have known many instances of them doing so, and this is one of them. In March '86, nearly all the settlers throughout northern Saskatchewan went down to Qu'Appelle station for seed grain and grub, there being a great dearth of both in the country. This was supplied by the federal government, and I was one of the crowd.

On our homeward journey we passed through the Touchwood Hills. Our ponies were heavily loaded and frequent spells at the steep hills were in order. At one of these we pulled up quite close to some Indian tepees. I noted an Indian scanning both me and my team very closely. Shading his eyes with his hand and jumping up on a wagon box he took one more look. Then diving into his tepee came running out with a new rabbit skin robe which he threw on my sleigh, then standing up on the load he called out with a loud voice: "Look at this man he saved my life. Now my new robe will keep him warm in the snow."

Sure enough it was our Nut Lake friend, "Sos-coo-pi-toon" who evidently had a kindly remembrance of his visit to me during the fighting. A great shake of hands all round followed, and I had to tell my companions the story that night. All our camps were made

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A Group of Rebel Leaders

Mounted on the horse in the foreground is Louis Reil. In the right-hand corner, tomahawk in hand, is the Indian leader, White Cap. Talking with him is Gabriel Dumont, Riel's half-breed chief-of-staff. In the left-hand corner are the two Indian chiefs, Beardy, leaning on the rifle, and Big Bear, sitting.



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Outlawing War

An explanation of the Geneva Protocol, which the French statesman, M. Briand, declared to be "the most formidable obstacle to war devised by the human mind"

By J. T. HULL

FOREMOST among the efforts that have been made to abolish the fear of war, since the signing of the Peace Treaty and the establishment of the League of Nations, has to be placed the achievement of the Fifth Assembly of the League which met at Geneva on September 1, 1924. For four weeks the Assembly wrestled with the greatest international problem of today, and at one period it seemed as though all its labors were to terminate in failure. But the Assembly was desperately in earnest and finally all difficulties were overcome and the document known as the Geneva Protocol, framed by the representatives of 48 nations, marks the most determined step that has been taken in the history of the world to base the security of nations on international law with force behind it, compulsory arbitration and disarmament.

This momentous and epoch-making document is founded on a resolution introduced into the Fifth Assembly on September 6th by J. Ramsay MacDonald, then premier of Great Britain, supported by Edouard Herriot, premier of France. The resolution called for the appointment of three commissions. The duty of these commissions was to examine documents relative to security and disarmament and "the obligation contained in the League covenant in view of the guarantees of security which a recourse to arbitration or a reduction of armaments may necessitate"; to report on necessary amendments to the covenant with regard to adjustments of international differences and on other steps which would "strengthen the solidarity and security of the nations of the world by harmonizing through peaceful methods all disputes which may possibly arise between any nations."

The object, therefore, was to strengthen the covenant of the League of Nations; to put teeth into the League in dealing with the threat of war. In what respects did the covenant need strengthening?

Defects in League Covenant

The covenant does not provide for the compulsory peaceful settlement of international disputes. It provides for a conference in case of disputes, for arbitration where the parties to the dispute consent, and puts the member nations on their honor to faithfully observe the terms of the covenant. A dispute, under the covenant, may with the consent of the parties be adjudicated upon by the Court of International Justice, by a specially appointed court of arbitration or by the Council of the League. The members agree to have recourse to peaceful settlement of their disputes and to abide by the decisions of the arbitral body, but if they refuse to abide by the decision, all the League can do is to "propose what steps should be taken to give effect thereto." If their dispute comes before the Council, the Council must be unanimous in its decision, and if the unanimity cannot be reached the disputants are free to go to war with each other, or as the covenant puts it: "The members of the League reserve to themselves the right to take such action as they shall consider necessary for the maintenance of right and justice."

Members of the League promise not to go to war before submitting disputes to the court, to an arbitral body or to the Council, but if any member nation violate its promise and force is needed to restrain such member, all the League can do is "to recommend to the several

governments concerned what effective military, naval or air force the members of the League shall severally contribute to the armed forces to be used to protect the covenants of the League." There is no guarantee that any state will comply with the recommendations. The covenant provides for agreement on limitation of armaments, but as the conditions above stated show, there is no positive security in the present constitution of the League for the nations which reduce their armaments. To give "teeth" to the League it is necessary to make positive provisions for: (1) The application of the compulsory arbitration clause of the statute of the Court of International Justice and for the court to deal with all cases that can properly go before it; (2) for a decisive and binding judgment to be rendered by one tribunal or another in all disputes; (3) effective measures of enforcement of such decisions.

Teeth for the League

The Geneva protocol is designed to furnish these "teeth." Its provisions may be summarized under three heads—Arbitration, Sanctions (that is, measures for enforcement) and Disarmament.

Arbitration—It is provided that all legal cases, that is, disputes which involve questions of international law, interpretations of treaties, alleged breaches of international obligations and reparations for such breach, shall come before the Court of International Justice. In disputes of other kinds the Council of the League will: (1) Try to settle the dispute by conciliation; (2) failing (1), will endeavor to persuade the disputants to submit the matter to arbitration; (3) failing (1) and (2), if one disputant requests, the Council will appoint a court of arbitration; (4) failing (1), (2) and (3), the Council will itself adjudicate upon the dispute; (5) if the Council fails to reach a unanimous decision upon the matter it will of its own accord appoint a court of arbitration and the decision of the court will be final.

Domestic Jurisdiction

The protocol thus creates a comprehensive system of compulsory arbitration. There is, however, one reservation in the application of the system. If the decision of any of the arbitral bodies is that the dispute relates to a matter which comes solely within the domestic jurisdiction of one of the disputants, neither the arbitrators nor the Council can recommend a binding solution, but the Council or the Assembly may take the whole situation into consideration as provided for in Article 11 of the covenant. This article states that: "Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the members of the League or not, is hereby declared a matter of concern to the whole League, and the League shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations." Thus even if the decision of arbitrators is that the matter of a dispute comes exclusively within the domestic jurisdiction of a state, if the dispute threatens to culminate in war, the League may take steps to prevent the war, even though Article 15 of the covenant says that in such dispute "the Council shall make no recommendation as to its settlement." The new situation is that in no circumstances whatever does the League abrogate its function as an agency to prevent war.

An International Crime

Sanctions—For the first time in history

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What Makes the Wheels Go Round?

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The Grain Growers' Guide

Winnipeg, Wednesday, December 3, 1924

Co-operation; Not Conflict

The annual meeting of the United Grain Growers Limited, held at Calgary, on November 20 and 21, afforded an excellent object lesson of the proper method of handling farmers' practical problems. A large number of the 35,000 shareholders of the company are also contract-holders in the wheat pools of the three provinces. There are those in these provinces who, for reasons of their own, are endeavoring to stir up strife and conflict between the pools and the farmers' companies. Their arguments are based upon prejudice and misinformation, and they are not rendering any service to the men they presumably seek to aid. The United Grain Growers' annual meeting was the first opportunity for a discussion of this subject by the people vitally concerned. In presenting to the delegates the report of the board of directors, Hon. T. A. Crerar, president, pointed out that the company had assisted all three wheat pools in getting under way, and in so doing had simply pursued the policy of the company since its inception, namely, to assist in any and every movement aimed to improve conditions in agriculture. Dealing with the question of rivalry between the various marketing organizations, Mr. Crerar said:

There should be no kind of rivalry between the pools and the companies. What is the United Grain Growers Limited? It is not the company or the directors, or a few men in Winnipeg or Calgary; it is a company of 35,000 farmer shareholders, thousands of whom are doubtless in the pool. Is it sensible then that there should be any differences or strife between them? There are interested parties, of course, who are willing to fan the flame of difference among the ranks of the organized farmers, but is it sensible that this should prevail? Who but the farmers themselves will be hurt by it? The sane course to follow is to do away with this senseless division which, if allowed to continue, will land the whole farmers' movement in Western Canada in a morass of factional strife.

Let the two companies and the pools get together around the table, approach their task as sensible individuals, and, in the light of what experience and knowledge they have, shape the best course for the farmers of Western Canada. . . .

There never was greater need of strong farmers' organizations in the prairie provinces than today, there never was a greater need for them forgetting rivalries or jealousies and sitting down in an honest, earnest way to solve their problems. There was never greater need of maintaining the idealism and spirit of service that has always characterized the agrarian movement, than there is today.

The delegates expressed themselves as heartily in favor of the policy outlined by the board of directors. There was considerable discussion on the relationship between the pools and the company, and the delegates unanimously left the whole matter in the hands of the board of directors. They realized that there was a great problem to be worked out, and that time would be required to put the marketing of grain on the most satisfactory basis for the producer.

The facilities and experience of the companies are essential to any complete co-operative marketing system. Those who would drive a wedge between the companies and the pools are ignoring the value of the work of the past 20 years. No good whatever can come of such strife, but injury may be done both to the pools and the companies, the cost of which must be paid by those who grow the grain. The sensible method is to get together and work out a system of marketing better than any yet developed. This can be done, and will undoubtedly be done by the men charged with the responsibility

of administering the affairs of the pools and the companies, who realize the importance of the problem and are in a position to work out the solution.

Why Ignore the League?

It is to be hoped the newspaper reports that the British government has set its face resolutely against any reference to the League of Nations of the deplorable situation created in Egypt, by the assassination of Major-General Sir Lee Stack, commander-in-chief of the Egyptian army, are, as Mark Twain said of the reports about his death, exaggerated. It is not necessary, in this connection, to dwell upon the general question of the relationship existing between Great Britain and Egypt. Egypt is an independent sovereign state under the protection and guidance of Great Britain, and the essential matter is that a condition has arisen between the two states in which the protected complains that unjust demands have been made upon it by the protecting state, for the satisfaction of an injury for which it has not disclaimed responsibility.

It was a somewhat similar situation between Serbia and Austria which led to the Great War, and it was to meet such situations that Clause XI. of the Covenant of the League of Nations was drafted. Considerable feeling was aroused throughout Europe, in the fall of 1922, when Italy refused to submit to the League of Nations her dispute with Greece, following the assassination of Italian members of the commission which was engaged in fixing the boundaries between Albania and Greece. The small nations felt that if in a dispute with a strong power they were to be denied the protection of the league, then there was no reason whatever for the existence of the league.

That appears to be the feeling among the small nations with regard to the situation between Great Britain and Egypt. The British Independent Labor party has issued a manifesto demanding that the dispute be referred to the League of Nations, a demand that is certainly in keeping with the covenant of the league and the Geneva protocol. A press despatch from London, commenting on this manifesto, says that it is scoffed at in official quarters, and that France will work hand in hand with Britain because France wants British support for her own plan to seize Spanish Morocco. From the standpoint of international morality, such newspaper comment is deplorable, and it reveals the kind of propaganda that all the supporters of the League of Nations have to contend with.

Canada is a signatory to the league covenant and a member nation of the league. Article XI. of the covenant declares that "Any war or threat of war, whether immediately affecting any of the members of the league or not, is hereby declared to be a matter of concern to the whole league, and the league shall take any action that may be deemed wise and effectual to safeguard the peace of nations." It is, moreover, declared that it is the right of any member of the league to bring before the league any matter which threatens peace and good understanding between nations. Canada is, therefore, as a member of the League of Nations, interested in the Anglo-Egyptian crisis, and it is because Canada is also a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations that the attitude of Great Britain is a matter of grave concern to this country. The Egyptian government has appealed to the league; we repeat, therefore, that it is to be hoped no such defiant denial of the com-

petence of the league to deal with the dispute, as the newspaper reports contain, has been issued by the British government. In a matter of this kind it is in the highest degree desirable a British government should set an example based on the moral conceptions upon which the covenant of the league rests.

West Hastings Election

In the last session of parliament, E. Guss Porter, M.P. for West Hastings, charged Hon. James Murdock with having used for personal advantage information he received as a cabinet minister regarding the condition of the Home Bank. The government referred the charge to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections. The committee reported that the charges had not been proved. Mr. Porter moved that "the charges had been proved and sustained." The House spent a whole day in debating the matter. Finally, Mr. Porter's motion was rejected, and the report of the committee was adopted by a large majority. Mr. Porter took the vote as a reflection upon his action in making the charges; he resigned his seat in the House and appealed to his constituents for judgment on his action.

The by-election in West Hastings took place last Tuesday, and Mr. Porter was defeated, the Liberal candidate securing a majority over 400. It was a straight fight between Liberal and Conservative. Big guns of both parties spoke in the constituency, including Premier King and Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen. The latter, speaking in Rawdon Township, on November 19, said (Toronto Globe report):

Mr. Porter is not on trial; it is Murdock who is on trial, and it was I who asked Mr. Porter to take the task of laying the charges, as it is my sworn duty to see that the opposition hold the government to the honorable charge of their duty. I chose Mr. Porter because he was best qualified by training equipment and record. A partisan majority was against him, however, and now he returns with an appeal to you to seek vindication.

That was, of course, the dominant issue of the election, and Premier King, in his speeches, stuck closely to it. Mr. Meighen, however, reviewed the whole political field, and maintained that the tariff was the most important question of all. In the result it is difficult to say whether the electors rejected the policy of the Conservative party or merely Mr. Porter's excuses for bringing on an election. In any case, it is a rejection of Mr. Meighen, for he assumed the responsibility for Mr. Porter's actions, asked the electors to give a verdict on Mr. Murdock, and appealed for endorsement of Conservative policies. The reply of the electors was to turn over to the Liberals a seat which has been Conservative since Confederation, with the exception of the years 1878-82. The great Conservative reaction and the growing demand for a stable tariff and adequate protection, about which so much was said at the recent Conservative national convention, at Toronto, in the light of the verdict of West Hastings, appear to be pretty much of a political myth.

Another Myth Exploded

The survey of actual accomplishments in fruit growing (on another page of this issue) explodes effectively another of those popular myths which have too long been current in this country. Forty years ago we could not grow any wheat in this country except in spots here and there. Even 20 years ago trees would not grow on the open prairie. Both these myths have disappeared completely before the hard cold

facts of actual experience. And now the pioneers in fruit growing have demonstrated beyond any shadow of doubt that we can grow our own fruit. It will be some years yet before we have the best varieties, but the main fact is established that the fruit can be produced; the rest will follow on.

To grow fruit successfully requires reasonable shelter from the winds of summer as well as of winter. Such shelter is easily grown and the nursery stock of willows, maple, caragana, spruce and pine are distributed by the millions from the Dominion Forestry Station, at Indian Head. Some 70,000,000 young trees and cuttings have been distributed from this station in the 20 years since it was established, and yet there are probably 50,000 farm homes without any shelter and lacking the beauty and comforts of well-laid-out plantations. We were surprised to read in the Regina Post a few days ago a serious proposal that the Forestry Station should discontinue the free distribution of trees on the ground that it interferes with private enterprise which could handle the business more capably. There is a movement afoot on the part of certain private nurseries (fortunately not all of them) to have the Forestry Station closed, so far as public distribution of trees is concerned. Private nurseries could not possibly handle the business of the Forestry Station, at least for a great many years to come. There is room for them both, and if the nurseries were capable of long-range vision they would realize that the work of

the Forestry Station is the best thing possible for private business.

The Geneva Protocol

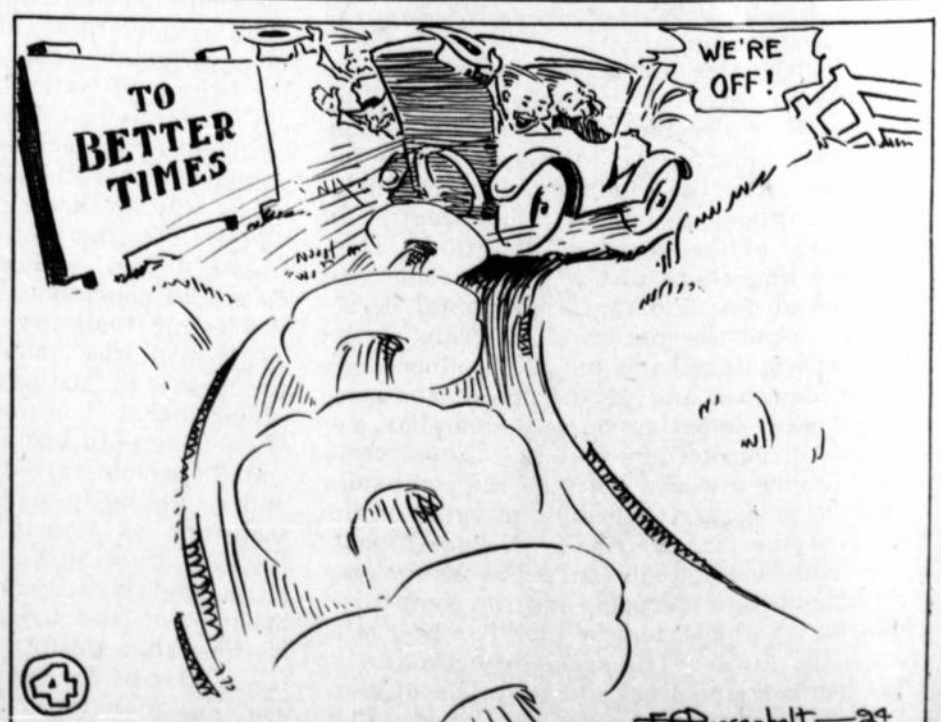
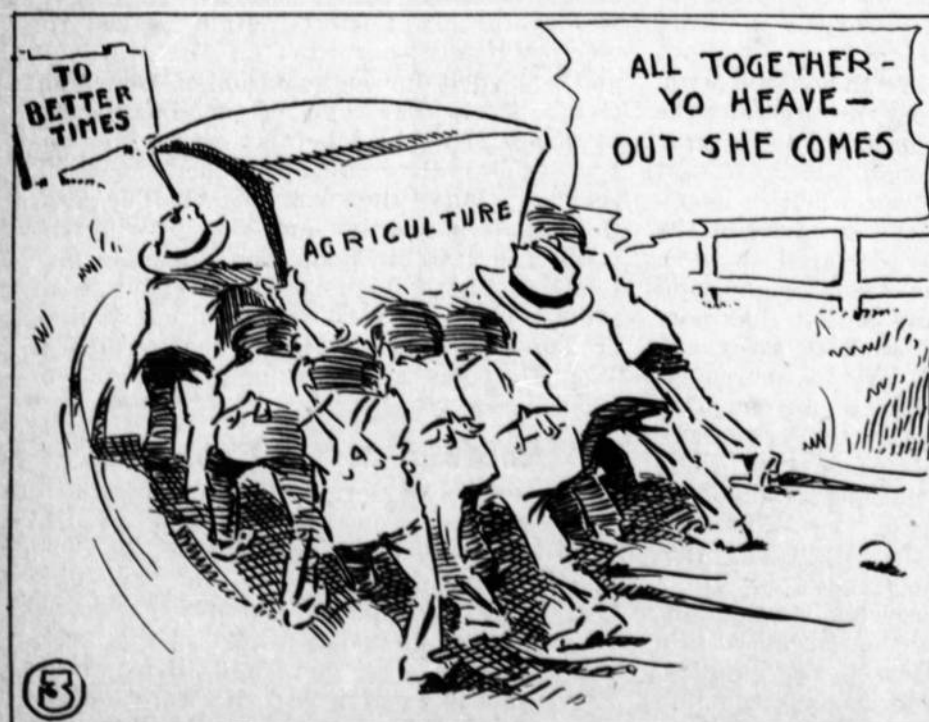
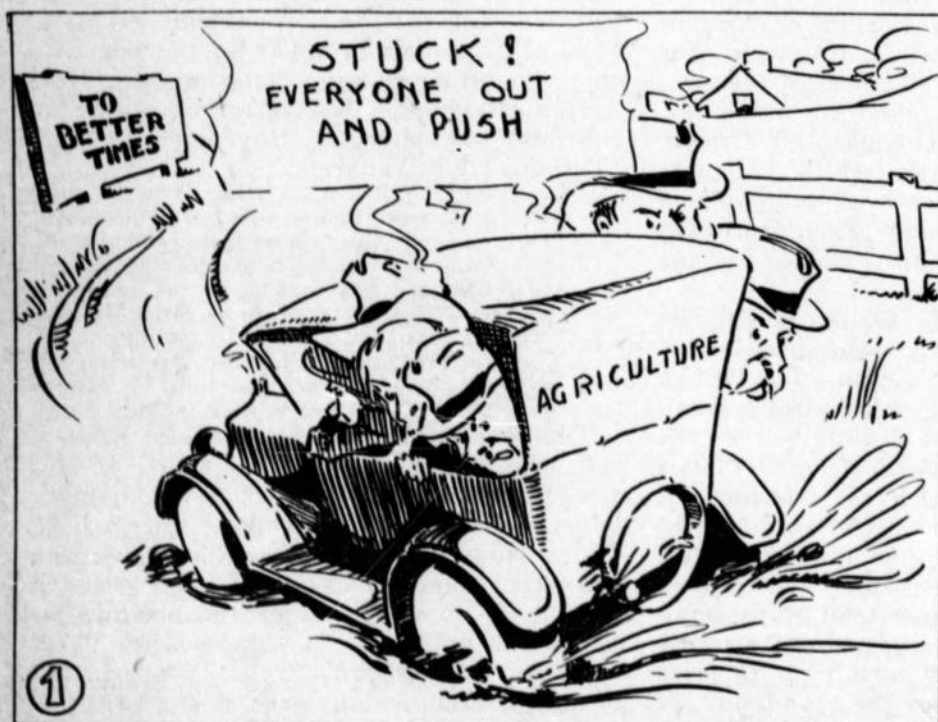
On another page of this issue of The Guide we publish an explanation of the Geneva Protocol, a document which represents the most comprehensive effort yet made by the nations to include war in the same category of crime as duelling. For the first time in history a conference of nations declares aggressive war to be "an international crime," and brands the beginner of such a war as an outlaw among the nations.

Because it is a real effort to bring international disputes under the rules of law and to put force behind justice there will be much objection in national legislatures and press to the protocol. Already objection has been raised in the Dominions, including Canada, to what has become known as the Japanese amendment. It is important to understand just what this amendment is because it might be a rock upon which the protocol will be wrecked.

In article 15 of the covenant of the League of Nations it is provided that if a dispute between two nations is found to relate to a matter coming within the domestic jurisdiction of one of the parties, then the council shall make no recommendation as to its settlement. Article 5 of the protocol provides that if in the course of an arbitration between two parties one of them claims that the dispute concerns a matter coming within its domestic jurisdiction, the arbitrators shall take the advice of the

Court of International Justice, and the opinion of the court shall be binding upon the parties to the arbitration.

This meant that the matter was closed and that the league would take no further part in trying to prevent hostilities. The Japanese delegation proposed to add to Article 5 a clause stating that a decision of the arbitral body, to the effect that a disputed question lay within the domestic jurisdiction of a given state, "shall not prevent consideration of the situation by the council or by the assembly under Article 11 of the covenant." This amendment was accepted unanimously by the assembly, and accordingly it is further provided that a nation which refuses to accept a decision that a question in dispute is domestic shall only be adjudged an aggressor if it has not submitted the question to the council or assembly of the league for "consideration of the situation." In other words, the mere fact that a question is one of domestic jurisdiction shall not prevent the league performing the duties laid down in Article 11 of the covenant, and doing all possible to prevent the outbreak of war. That is the actual position with regard to the covenant now, and the so-called Japanese amendment appears simply to ensure that the league will not stand aside in the face of any threat of war. It introduces no change into the covenant, but because it does bring questions of domestic jurisdiction within the purview of the league, in an indirect way, it may stand in the way of a general acceptance of the protocol.



A Study in Co-operation

How We Spent Christmas

A few Guide reader friends tell how Christmas was made a festive occasion in their homes

IN order that my Christmas party should not clash with any other festive gatherings in the district, I decided to have it on Saturday, December 22, in the form of a Christmas Tree party, as much for my own pleasure as for the sake of my little girls and their cousins who live near.

We were fortunate in being able to obtain the big fir tree that had already done duty at our local schoolhouse, but otherwise we should have had a small poplar, as we have done before. As we live on the prairie where there is not a trace of anything green in the winter, if we have house decorated at all it must be with paper garlands and things of that sort. I am not at all fond of these decorations, but prefer them to nothing at all, so we had chains of colored crinkled paper and boughs from the tree to make the room look festive, while in one corner the tree itself spread from wall to wall.

I bought ten yards of factory cotton and two yards of very colorful cretonne, from which I made 14 aprons and pinafores of different shapes and sizes to suit every feminine guest from grandma down to the 20-months old baby. Balloons, candies, popcorn and peanuts had to suffice for the men, but nobody was missed.

For a couple of weeks, every parcel that came was hidden from the children's curious eyes until that evening. Then I had a happy time divesting them of their outer coverings, tying them with gay wool or thread and hanging them on the tree. About five o'clock the guests came. There were 16 of them, and as soon as the last one had come the fun began. One slightly-built uncle was robed in a bright red and green dressing-gown, a fur cap was placed on his head, and he was disguised further by a fearful and wonderful beard of cotton batting. With a tinkle of bells to announce his arrival

he entered the room and handed out the gifts. Such noise and excitement as there was! Everybody wanting to show their presents to everyone else at the same time, while poor old Santa was dodging about to catch them and give them still more. The baby with her arms full was trying to hold still another dolly or book or ball, while the oldest bachelor was surprised at receiving a favorite pocket knife which he thought he had lost the previous week when hauling grain to town.

Bye and bye the tree was denuded of all save decorations and comparative quietness reigned. A few willing helpers now put the finishing touches to the supper table, and into the kitchen we went to enjoy the roast beef, mince pies, plum pudding and Christmas cake.

If this were an imaginative sketch I should now draw your attention to 22 people sitting at a long dining table in a huge dining-room with oak panelled walls, but simple truth causes me to state that only 12 persons can sit at my rickety table in a prairie farmhouse kitchen, so the children had to wait, as they did in my youthful days; but this time the waiting was shorn of its usual unpleasantness as they were busy over their games, and many gifts. The older girls compared handkerchiefs, ribbons and aprons, the younger played with dolls and tea-sets and all nibbled at candies and peanuts to their hearts' content.

After supper and its necessary clearing away, we had cards for those who enjoy them, and a running accompaniment of music with songs new and old, and I noticed that the card players were not too engrossed in their games to join in the old songs.

Just before midnight, the cards were put away, and we ushered in the Sabbath day by singing the old Christmas hymns and carols so dear to all of us, and which join all nations and customs into one huge brotherhood. I daresay



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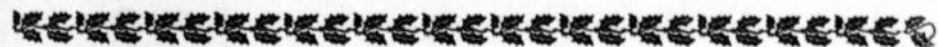
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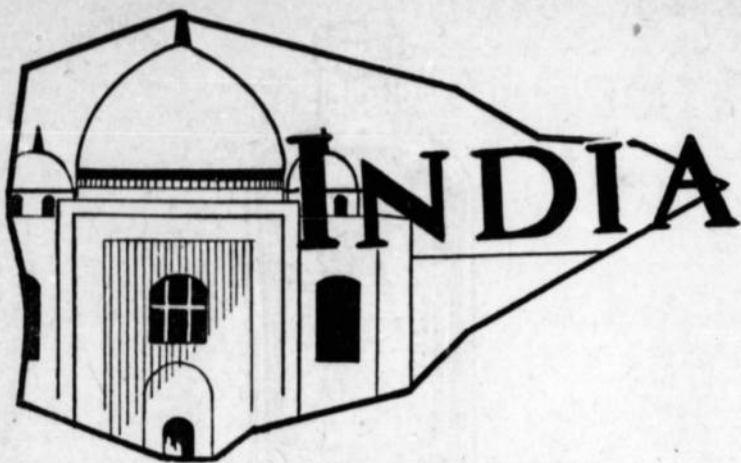
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each one of us of older folks, thought of some loved ones far away in different lands beyond the sea, and our thoughts were not far from being prayers. When our pleasant party broke up daddy and I felt so richly rewarded for all the time and thought we had spent when one and another thanked us sincerely for a very happy evening.

It seems to me that in gatherings such as these, we are not only having a good time, but we are making traditions for our children who know nothing of other countries, other customs and all the memories that are so rich to us.
—Lillian A. Myers.

A Little Does Double Duty

I WANT to tell you all how we spent the best Christmas we have ever had.

We always start our Christmas about seven weeks ahead of time, by thinking up little gifts for each other and for our friends. I am the eldest of five children, and then there are mother and daddy, and seven people can make good times when they all pull together.

Even if crops are poor, mother always starts some time in November to make a big Christmas cake, and a crock of mincemeat and two or three puddings, and tins and tins of cookies and shortbread.

To begin with, mother and daddy said we could have the Christmas tree at our house last year, because it is so much pleasanter than the church, when there are just a few families to attend, so we had to decorate the house, and mother said she didn't believe there was anything in Saskatchewan to do it with except snow and ice, and these wouldn't do. (Mother came from Ontario, where all you had to do was to walk out with a handsleigh and get more evergreens than you could haul home.) But we knew of a vine that grows back in the hills in one or two spots, so we went and found heaps of it. It was green and reddish brown and looked lovely when we had trailed it round the curtains, and looped it here and there on the pictures, and fastened clusters on the tops of the doorways. We tacked a sprig of the vine right up in the middle of the arch between the living-rooms, and called it mistletoe.

When we had the house all decorated to our satisfaction, and the tree the C.P.R. gave daddy set up in the large window at the front of the house, we drew the curtains so no one could see in the front room, and bye and bye some of the young people of the district came to decorate the tree and tie on the presents.

Pretty soon the other folk began to come, and they brought parcels of all shapes and sizes, which were passed carefully in between the curtains so that we children wouldn't see anything before it was time. When everyone was seated the curtains were drawn back, and there was the tree in all its beauty. Popcorn makes the loveliest trimming for a Christmas tree, it is such fun to pop it before, and such fun to eat it after.

Then we had the program and everyone said it was the best we'd ever had. For one of the women, who is always trying to think of something new, said she would give a prize to the family who got up the best item on the program. Any family might do it themselves or could get others to help them. Mother had only us to work with, but she taught us songs and recitations, and made a sort of little play all about the seasons, and we won the prize.

Then we all sang Christmas Carols—Good King Wenceslas, The First Nowell, Good Christian Men, and were just finishing, Oh, Rest Beside the Weary Road, and Hear The Angels Sing, when we heard such a noise and shouting and jingle of bells and Santa Claus came in at the front door. Then he made jokes about everyone and gave us all presents.

Then we had the lunch, and a good time, which was noisy enough, with drums and trumpets, and talking. Then the people went home, all but one family who came a long way and who stay with us every Christmas Eve.

The next day we had a happy morning with our stockings and new toys and books and helping mother with the great dinner, and playing with the babies (our neighbor who stayed with



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In the evening when our neighbors had gone, and we had had supper and tidied up, we sat about the fire, and talked it all over. And daddy said, "We have a great deal to be thankful for this happy Christmas Time."

We left the decorations up for about two weeks and prolonged the Christ-massy feeling with calls and visits to and from our neighbors, and it made such a pleasant break in our long winter.
—C. A. S.

Games for a House Party

A selection from various sources that will help provide good fun for an evening

WHEN the young folks are home for the Christmas and New Year holiday time, parties are the order of the day. Grown-ups as well as children at this season of the year are in the mood for play, and it is quite easy to arrange good times for all. A large share of the fun of any party is the anticipation of it, wondering who will be there and what jolly games will be played, so it is a wise hostess who sends out written invitations some few days in advance. An invitation may be made either a mysterious, a humorous or a serious affair, but it starts people thinking about the good times ahead and that helps create a feeling of excitement, which goes a long way towards making a party a success.

Of course it depends upon the number of guests invited, and the size of the house as to what games can be played. It is better to have a party of a size that all the guests can be in one room at the same time, or in two adjoining rooms where they can move to and fro quite freely. This prevents little groups or cliques from forming, and allows everyone an opportunity of watching or taking part in the games. The better people are "mixed up" the better chances are that a good time will be had by all.

It is well to plan the evening's program ahead and have all the materials and equipment ready in advance. This prevents confusion and periods of waiting after the guests are assembled. Do not depend upon somebody thinking up a game to play, but have suitable games selected in advance for the evening. It may also be well to have one or two leaders selected to keep things moving, and thus leave the hostess free to look after the comfort of her guests.

Getting Folks "Mixed"

It is a good plan to have a lively game at the start to get people properly stirred up. Musical games, a grand march or a competition often prove helpful. Here are a few that might be tried:

Rig-a-Jig-Jig—The music used for this is Rig-a-Jig-Jig—one verse only repeated over and over. Other lively, catchy pieces of music might be used instead if this particular piece is not known. A whistle is blown at the end of the verse. Form a large single circle. Drop hands and step back. Any number, varying according to the size of the circle, but usually from two for a small circle to ten for a large one, are chosen to step inside the ring and march around counter clockwise, close to the outer ring, till the first whistle blows. Each then takes the girl or man—opposite of course—nearest as partner; they cross hands as in skating, and go skipping around the circle close to the outside ring until the next whistle. Then all those who have been skipping drop hands and march around single file. At the whistle they take partners. When all have been chosen and taken partners the director calls out, "Change partners," or whistles at very short irregular intervals, the players all the while skipping in a circle and catching new partners at every signal.

For the hat and card game the company may be divided into two sides, each side sitting in a semi-circle so that each member may be an equal distance from the top hat or bowl which is placed in the centre of the room. Each side is then given a pack of playing cards (with different colored backs, to facilitate the counting at the end) which are divided up so that each

player has six cards. The end member of A's side then tries to throw his cards, one at a time, into the hat. He is followed by one of B's side, and so on, alternately, till all the players have tried, the cards are then taken out of the hat and counted, a record being kept till the end of the game. At the second round the players throw two cards at a time, at the third, three, and at the fourth all the six. The points thus scored are all added up at the end of the game, the side with the largest total winning.

Hunts are Good Fun

Hunting games usually cause a great amount of merriment. The hostess should arrange these before the party commences. Some hide little Christmas favors, candies, fruit. When each guest arrives he or she is given a slip of paper telling them to look in a certain place and they will find something of interest to them. When they look there they find another note telling them to look somewhere else. Any number of messages may thus be left, leading the seeker from point to point, until he finally finds the hidden object. The spectacle of grown-ups searching under carpets, among the pantry shelves, behind pictures, among books, each intent upon his or her own search is a most amusing one. This is a splendid "mixer."

A very humorous form of a hunting game is given by Edna Geister which she calls—The Harmonious Hunt. The people are divided into teams, each team having a captain and an individual team call. Calls may be braying like a donkey; mooing like a cow; cock-a-doodle-doo-ing; whistling; cat-calling; meowing; barking; quacking; baaing; gobbling; or imitating sounds of musical instruments, like the drum, the trombone, the mandolin; the accordion; in each case pantomiming the action as well as imitating the sound. Each team is assigned one of these calls and must use only that way of calling to the team captain. Peanuts or candy favors are hidden in every conceivable spot. When the signal is given the hunt is on. No one, however, except a captain is allowed to touch a peanut. That is the reason for the call. As soon as a person finds a peanut he stands beside it and sends out a call for his captain. The captain answers each call by running to the spot and picking up the peanut. After a definite length of time the closing signal is given and the hunt is over. Each captain counts his find, and the losing teams must give up all their peanuts to be divided among the winners, in spite of inevitable protests.

Quiet or Noisy as You Like

There are large number of competitions which are highly enjoyable. One of these—Who Am I?—might be tried. Names of different celebrities such as Oliver Cromwell, the Prince of Wales, Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, Abraham Lincoln, Woodrow Wilson, Ramsay MacDonald, etc., are written on separate slips of paper. One of these slips is pinned on the back of each player whose duty it is to discover the name written by asking questions of any of the other players who will answer, no one being allowed to ask two questions from the same person. Those answering questions are only permitted to answer in the words, "yes" or "no." A good reserve supply of slips should be kept, for as soon as the player guesses one name he must take the paper from his back and pin it on the front of his coat, asking the director of the game to pin another on his back. The one who guesses the most in a given time is declared winner.

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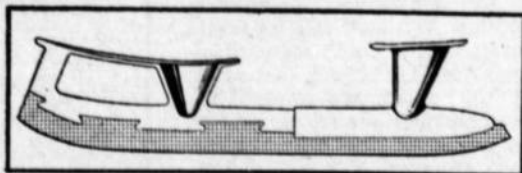
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Gifts from the Scrap Bag

Useful and inexpensive gifts made from cuttings

By AGNES CAMPBELL

THERE is often a small "gold mine" in the scrap-box if people would but utilize the treasures to be found there. There is a craze at the present time for what is known as "French Novelties." These are all hand-made and are called "French" because most of them are made in France. They include everything from a covered pill-box to whole dressing-table sets and range in price from 50 cents to \$25. Materials used in the making or covering of these articles include bits of plain, moire or Dresden silk or ribbon, ends of lace, gold or silver metallic net or lace, cuttings of silk-velvet, etc. It may be necessary to buy a narrow metallic guimpe or edging in gold or silver to give to them the finishing touch. This can be purchased at the small cost of from eight cents a yard up. A narrow trimming made up of very small flowers and costing around 25 cents a yard is also used extensively as a finishing touch.

Just one suggestion might be made before explaining the making of some of these articles—the setting in which each one is to be placed should be considered. The dainty-colored and more fragile articles are only suitable in a room done in light or delicate tones, while a room with a darker or heavier setting calls for accessories of stronger colorings. To be practical, this point should be kept very much to the fore when planning Christmas gifts.

Made at Small Cost

These French novelties are very artistic but are not practical if they cost a great deal. Since they can be made at home, out of remnants or cuttings with very little cost to the maker, and for that reason they do not need to be kept "forever and a day," they are to be recommended. An effective color scheme could be carried out in a room by judicious use of the things on hand. For instance, in the upper right hand corner is shown a diagram of a three-piece bedroom set, consisting of side curtains with valance, dressing table or bureau runner, and stand-cover. These could be made from an inexpensive rajah silk or unbleached factory cotton and bound with a contrasting color. The piece to be used for binding could be dyed the desired shade and a simple design applied on. What could be more effective than to have a few of the articles on one's dressing table to match the color used for the binding, thereby carrying the color scheme throughout the room.

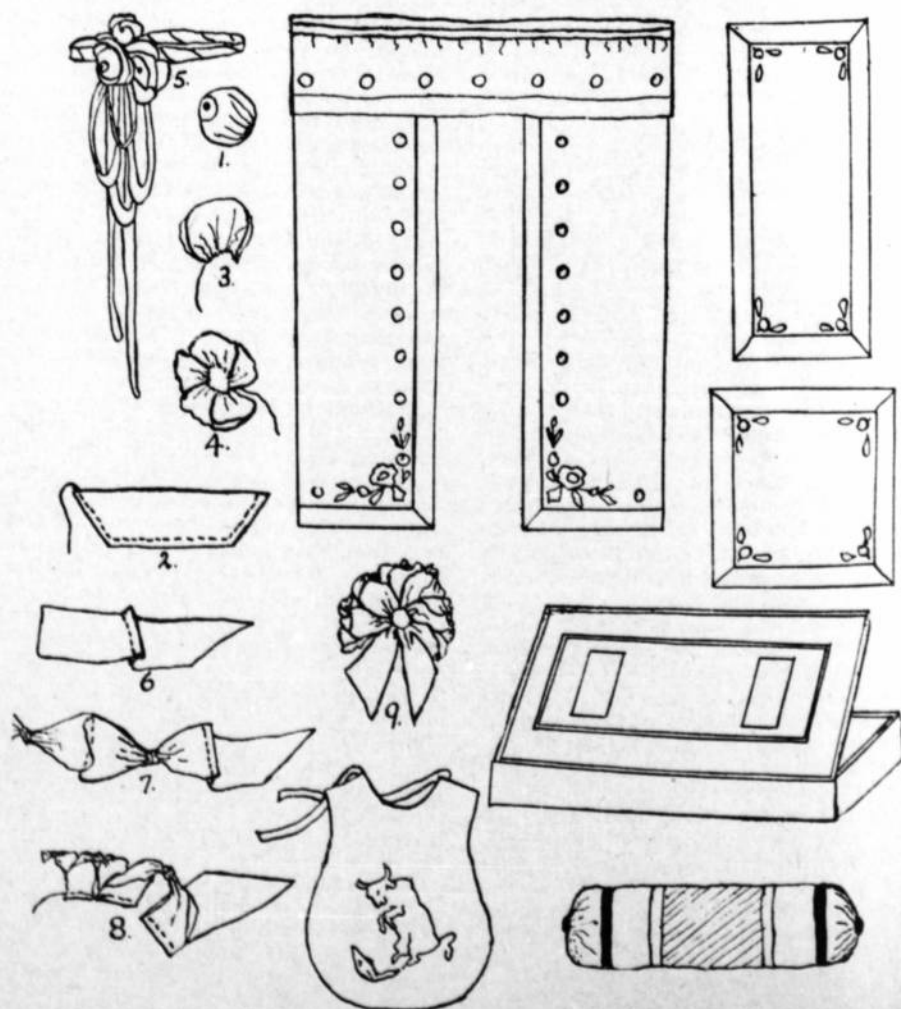
One of the simplest things that can be made is a tray for the dressing table. Take a single embroidery hoop, either round or oval and have the hardware merchant cut a piece of ordinary glass the size of the outside of the hoop so that it may rest upon the glass. Put glue on one edge of the hoop and press it to the glass. Let it remain for a couple of hours to dry thoroughly, being careful to rub or wash off any surplus glue from the glass. Cut a piece of silk (either round or oval, as the case may be) about an inch and a half larger than the hoop. Place glue on the inside of the hoop. Let this remain for a few minutes and then stretch the silk over the top edge and down to the inside of the hoop. Cut off any surplus silk leaving the edges raw.

The edge can be bound by glueing on a wide gold braid, or if the silk is finished on both sides, all that is really needed is a narrow flower-guimpe or gold braid glued to the inside of the hoop to cover the raw edge of the silk. If the covering is of Dresden or floral design, the bit of braid will be the only trimming necessary, but if made from plain silk an extra circle of the flower-braid used underneath the glass would be more effective. Bits of chintz may also be used effectively to make these articles, especially if used with unbleached factory-cotton overdrapes, and strips of plain material with the edges turned in and gathered would take the place of the gold braid or guimpe. This could be glued on in the same manner as the braid.

Transforming a Cigar Box

Dad's old cigar box can be transformed into a holder for handkerchiefs or jewelry, with very little trouble. First it must be aired until not a vestige of tobacco odor is left. Then all paper bands or labels should be peeled off. In the scrap bag there is sure to be something suitable for covering the box—it may be plain, figured, or moire silk. First cover the lid by cutting a piece large enough for the entire surface, allowing about half an inch on all edges. Next cut a strip as wide as the depth of the box and long enough to encircle it, allowing half an inch on all edges for trimmings. Along the inside of the lid put a coating of glue (not mucilage). This may be purchased in small tubes for from 15 to 20 cents. After the glue has dried slightly, stretch the covering material on tightly and leave to dry. Treat the sides in the same manner. Place the cement close to the top edge on the inside

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Dainty gifts made from odds and ends of cloth

Confections for Christmas

Candies of all kinds for the Holiday season

By MARGARET M. SPEECHLY

CHRISTMAS and candy-making seem to go hand in hand—in fact the holiday season would seem incomplete without the usual home-made goodies. When planning gifts for friends and relatives, many a woman decides upon a box of candy, knowing that nothing will be more welcome. Besides, candy-making is fun. Show me the boy or girl that doesn't have a thrill when mother suggests making candy. Taffy-pulls during the holidays are popular for parties, provided your kitchen is large enough to hold all the young people.

Although candy is easy to make the results are not always the same—sometimes it is too soft and some times it is too hard. These conditions vary according to the temperature to which the candy is boiled. Until comparatively recent years the only way of testing the mixture was to put a drop or two into cold water. The condition of the syrup was judged by the hardness or the softness of the ball formed. This method was not always accurate because the coldness and the volume of water varied from time to time.

The most certain way of finding out when the pan should be removed from the fire is to use a candy thermometer. Nothing would be nicer as a gift, as it is also used for making boiled icings, meringues and boiled sugar sponge cakes. It registers up to 325 degrees Fahr. As there are still a good many people who do not own one of these useful thermometers, I am giving the two kinds of tests, showing how they correspond to each other.

Cold Water	Degrees Fahrenheit
Test	
Soft Ball	238
Hard Ball	252
Crack or Brittle	270
Hard Crack or very brittle	290
Caramel	320

Gum Drops

6 1/2 T. gelatin	1/2 c. corn syrup
1 1/4 c. cold water	1 T. cold water
1-1-3 c. sugar	1-8 tsp. salt
3 T. lemon juice	

Soak the gelatin in cold water. Put the sugar, corn syrup, 1 T. cold water and the salt into a saucepan and after mixing well bring to the boiling point. Cook until a soft ball forms in cold water. Add the softened gelatin and stir until thoroughly dissolved. Add lemon juice and strain. In the bottom of a shallow pan place a layer of cornstarch three-quarters of an inch thick and level with a stick. In this make depressions, using a clean thimble. Put the mixture into these holes, using a spoon, and let it stand till set. Remove the drops, place in a sifter and shake off the starch. Hold in the steam of the kettle for a moment and roll in granulated sugar.

Uncooked Peppermints

White of egg	Confectioner's sugar
Peppermint extract	

Put egg white into a bowl and add a few drops of peppermint. Do not put in too much as this flavoring is usually very strong. Gradually sift in enough sugar to make a mixture that can readily be molded. Roll with a rolling pin and cut out in various shapes or make small balls. Lay the creams on waxed paper to dry.

Raisin Toffee

1 1/2 c. brown sugar	1/4 c. chopped nuts
1/4 c. vinegar	1/2 c. chopped raisins
2 T. butter	

Boil sugar and vinegar together till it reaches the hard ball stage. Add butter, nuts and raisins and pour on to a greased plate. Mark into squares as the mixture hardens.

Candied Orange Peel

Remove the peel from four large oranges, cover with cold water and cook till tender. Drain the peel and reserve one-half cup of liquid for making a syrup. Remove the white membrane from the peel and cut the yellow part into strips, using a sharp knife or a clean pair of scissors. To the half cup of liquid reserved, add a cup of sugar and boil until

it spins a thread. Put in the peel and cook slowly until the syrup has almost entirely cooked away, taking care to prevent scorching. This takes about five minutes. Drain the peel and roll it in granulated sugar. If it is to be eaten as a sweet leave it on waxed paper till quite dry. If it is to be used for cakes, etc., let it dry thoroughly without coating with sugar. Store in jars.

Pulled Molasses Candy

1 T. butter
1 c. molasses
1 T. water
1/2 c. sugar
1/4 tsp. baking soda

Melt the butter in a saucepan, add the molasses, water and sugar and stir until dissolved. Stir occasionally till nearly done and then constantly cook till crack stage. Add soda, stir well and pour on to a buttered plate. As soon as it can be handled pull until light and porous. Stretch until the right thickness, cut in pieces with a pair of scissors and when cool wrap in waxed paper, twisting the ends.

Fruit Fudge

1 T. gelatin	1 c. sour cream
2 T. cold water	3/4 c. raisins
2 squares chocolate	1/2 c. walnuts
3 c. sugar	1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Soak gelatin in cold water. Shave chocolate and melt over hot water, add sugar and cream and stir well. Boil until a soft ball forms in cold water. Remove, add gelatin and when thoroughly dissolved add fruit and nuts. Beat until creamy and pour into a buttered plate to cool.

Butterscotch

5 c. brown sugar	1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1 c. water	1/2 c. butter

Boil sugar, water, cream of tartar and butter together until a hard ball forms in cold water. Stir as little as possible and when done pour, without beating, on to a greased plate. Cut into squares before it hardens and break into pieces when cold.

Popcorn Balls

2 c. white sugar	2-3 c. water
1/4 c. corn syrup	2 T. butter
2-3 c. molasses	2 or 3 qts. popped corn

Boil sugar, syrup and water till a brittle ball is formed in cold water. After removing pan from the fire add molasses and butter. Stir until the mixture is golden in color. Add all the corn the syrup will take up which will probably be between two and three quarts of popped corn. When the mixture is cool enough to work with, dip the hands into cold water and form into balls.

Creamy Fudge

Nothing is more popular than chocolate fudge that is so creamy that it fairly melts in your mouth. Very often it is crumbly, sticky, grainy or hard. In order to secure a fine texture it is necessary to use corn syrup and to cook the mixture to the right stage. The following recipe produces a delicious fudge if directions are followed carefully:

2 c. sugar	1-8 tsp. salt
2-3 c. milk	2 T. butter
2 T. corn syrup	1 tsp. vanilla
2 squares chocolate	

Put the first five ingredients into a saucepan and stir till dissolved. Cook till the soft ball stage, stirring when necessary to prevent burning. Take the pan off the stove, add the butter, but do not stir or beat until the mixture is lukewarm. It used to be the custom to beat the candy immediately, but a finer texture is obtained if it is allowed to cool to lukewarm before commencing to beat. Add vanilla and beat until the shiny appearance has disappeared and the candy will hold its shape. Sometimes this takes 15 minutes, but it is well worth while. Corn syrup not only produces a fine grain but increases the keeping qualities. When making this candy for gifts, put it into tiny greased muffin tins instead of on to a plate.

Glaced Raisins

Melt two cups sugar in a frying pan, stirring constantly while melting, to avoid burning. Cut seeded raisins in half and put a small piece of nut in the middle. Dip raisins into this one at a

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time on a fork and drain on waxed paper. It is necessary to keep syrup hot while dipping so it should be placed over hot water. Oil of peppermint may be added if desired.

Brown Foam

3 c. brown sugar 1 egg white
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar 1 c. chopped peanuts
1 c. water 1/2 tsp. vanilla

Boil together the sugar, cream of tartar and water until the soft ball stage. Beat the white till stiff. Gradually pour hot mixture over it, beating constantly. Add nuts and flavoring and beat until thick and heavy. The peanuts should be finely chopped.

Chocolate Toffee

3 c. sugar 1 T. butter
1/2 c. water 3 T. grated chocolate
1/4 c. vinegar 1 c. chopped nuts.

Boil sugar, water, vinegar, butter and chocolate until the hard ball stage. Add nuts and pour on to greased plate to cool.

Peanut Squares

1 c. corn syrup 2 T. butter
1 1/2 c. white sugar 1 1/2 c. peanuts
1 T. vinegar 1 tsp. (scent) baking soda

Boil first four ingredients till the hard ball stage. Add peanuts and remove from the fire. Add soda and stir thoroughly. Pour on to a buttered plate.

Nut Bars

1 c. corn syrup 2 T. butter
1 1/2 c. granulated sugar 1 1/2 c. shelled nuts
1 T. vinegar 1/4 tsp. baking soda

Boil syrup, sugar, vinegar and butter to the hard ball stage. Add walnuts or peanuts and then soda. Mix well and pour on to a buttered plate. See that candy is smooth on top.

Fruit Squares

1 c. dates 2 c. walnuts
1 c. figs.

Put dates and figs through the chopper, and then the nuts. Mix all ingredients together and press into a small square pan, having the mixture about three-quarters of an inch thick. Cut in squares or make into balls and roll in confectioner's sugar. Wrap in wax paper.

Almond Brittle

1/2 lb. almonds 1/2 c. water
1/2 c. butter 1-8 tsp. cream of tartar
2 c. brown sugar

Blanch almonds and brown slightly in the oven, turning frequently to make the nuts of an even color. Put butter, sugar, water and cream of tartar into a saucepan and boil to the soft ball stage. Put in the almonds and continue cooking until the brittle stage. Pour on to a buttered plate and when cold break into pieces.

A Variety of Stuffings

Recipes for use with poultry and meats

Onion Stuffing for Turkey (1)

4 c. bread crumbs 1 small onion
1 c. boiling water Celery salt
1 egg 1 tsp. salt
1/2 c. melted butter 1/4 tsp. pepper

USE crumbs that are at least two days old. Pour the boiling water over them and let stand for about 30 minutes. Gently squeeze extra liquid from crumbs until they are slightly moist but not sodden. Beat egg until light and put it into the mixture. Add melted butter, onion, finely chopped, celery salt, pepper and salt. Mix lightly but well, avoiding soggy and stuff the bird.

Onion Stuffing for Turkey (2)

2 c. bread crumbs
1-3 c. melted butter
4 T. chopped onion
2 T. chopped parsley
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 egg.

Mix thoroughly in the order given and stuff the bird. Sage or poultry dressing may be used if desired.

Apple Stuffing for Goose

1-3 c. butter
2 c. crumbs
1 tsp. sage
Pepper
Salt
1 c. raw diced apples

Melt the butter in a double boiler, add crumbs and mix till they are well coated with butter. Add seasonings and apples, finely diced.

Sausage Stuffing

2 T. butter
2 T. chopped onion
1/2 lb. sausage meat
2 c. mashed potato
1 c. bread crumbs
Poultry dressing
Salt
Pepper

Melt butter, add onion, finely chopped, and cook until it turns yellow. Put in sausage meat and cook for about eight minutes. Add potato, crumbs and seasoning to taste.

Raisin Stuffing

2 c. crumbs 1 c. seedless raisins
3/4 c. chopped apples 1/2 tsp. sage
2 tsp. chopped onion 3/4 c. boiling water
1 tsp. salt 2 1/2 T. melted butter
1-8 pepper

Mix all dry ingredients together in the order given, add melted butter and boiling water. Combine thoroughly.

Horseradish Stuffing

2 T. butter 1/2 c. horse radish
4 T. flour 4 T. butter
1 c. milk 1/2 tsp. salt
1-3 c. crumbs Pepper

Melt the butter in a double boiler, add flour and combine thoroughly. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly until thickening is finished. Simmer horseradish and butter together in another pan for five minutes. Add this to the first mixture, combine thoroughly and mix well and season.

Dressing for Roast Ham

2 c. cracker crumbs 3 tsp. herbs
1 1/2 tsp. salt 1 1/2 c. scalded milk
1-3 tsp. pepper

Put the dry ingredients into a bowl and add milk, using a fork for mixing. Be careful not to work the dressing into a solid mass.

Oyster Stuffing

2 c. cracker crumbs 1/4 tsp. pepper
2 c. bread crumbs 3/4 c. melted butter
4 1/2 tsp. herbs 1/2 c. hot water
1 1/2 tsp. salt 1 1/4 c. chopped oysters

Mix crumbs together (or use four cups bread crumbs) add herbs, salt and pepper. Put in melted butter and mix. Remove tough piece of muscle from each oyster and cut in small pieces, add to the mixture and add water until the dressing is the right consistency.

Prune Stuffing

1/2 c. prunes
3/4 c. prune juice
2 c. bread crumbs
1 tsp. salt
Few grains cayenne
1-8 tsp. cinnamon
1-8 tsp. allspice
1 T. lemon juice
2 T. melted butter

Soak the prunes for several hours and cook till tender in the same liquid. Drain, remove stones, and chop finely. Mix with crumbs, spices, seasonings and lemon juice; use prune juice and butter for moistening. Lemon juice may be omitted but it gives a delightful flavor.

Nut Dressing For Goose

1 c. soft crumbs 1 tsp. poultry dressing
1/2 c. hot milk 1 T. chopped onion
1 T. butter 1 c. mashed potato
1 tsp. salt 3/4 c. chopped nuts
1 egg

Pour hot milk over crumbs, add butter and seasonings and mix well. Add onion finely chopped, hot mashed potatoes, nuts and lastly, the egg, lightly beaten.

Potato Stuffing

2 c. mashed potato 1/4 c. butter
1 1/4 c. stale crumbs 1 tsp. sage
1/4 c. chopped bacon 1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 onion chopped 1 egg

Mix crumbs and hot mashed potato together. Add bacon and onion, both finely chopped, butter, seasonings and egg well beaten.

Celery Stuffing

4 c. stale crumbs 1/4 c. chopped onion
1 c. chopped celery 1/4 c. melted butter
1 tsp salt Boiling water
Few grains cayenne

Mix crumbs and finely-chopped celery together. Add salt and pepper and finely-chopped onion, then butter and lastly, enough boiling water to moisten the dressing. Care must be taken to avoid soggy. If celery cannot be obtained dried celery leaves may be powdered and used instead. Celery salt or celery seed give flavor when the fresh vegetable cannot be used.



Loudspeakers for Radio Sets

Points to consider when choosing one explained in a broadcast address by A. NYMAN, Radio Engineer

"LOUDSPEAKER" is a new word which came into popular use about the same time as the word "Radio."

The loudspeaker is really the voice of the radio, converting the radio set into a musical instrument. Like any voice, it may be good or bad, and a careful selection of a loudspeaker should be made with regard to its quality, volume, and purpose, in order to be sure that the sound it gives will correspond to the sound sent out from the radio station.

It is a well-known fact that any sound can be regarded as vibration in air. Some sounds are vibrations at a definite rate, or pitch; others are vibrations at an irregular rate of rising or falling magnitude. You can distinguish between a pure sound of a definite and continuous pitch, such as the sound of an organ pipe or a flute; a complicated sound, which may consist of a blending of a number of pitches, as the voice of a person; or an abrupt sound, like the sound of a piano. It is evident that a complicated or an abrupt sound is much more difficult to reproduce than a pure sound.

The loudspeaker which is to reproduce all the musical instruments, and also all the voices that may be transmitted over the radio, must contain the qualities of all the different voices and instruments to be able to reproduce all sounds without any of its own characteristics. So far no loudspeaker has fully achieved this perfection. Any instrument possessing a horn, a diaphragm, or a reed, will have its own characteristic sounds, which may be suppressed to a certain extent, but not entirely eliminated. It remains with the listener to decide which loudspeaker is most capable of reproducing the largest number of instruments and voices with the greatest fidelity.

Almost all loudspeakers will reproduce a pure note with a fair degree of accuracy. If a pure note gives a rattling or scratching sound, it is certain that the loudspeaker cannot reproduce a complicated sound, but on the other hand, the fact that a pure note comes through clearly does not necessarily mean that a complicated sound will be faithfully copied. The same loudspeaker may reproduce a low pitched note much weaker than a high-pitched note. A complicated sound, which contains both these pitches, will appear distorted because its low pitched component will be weak compared to its high-pitched component.

Necessary Qualifications

This shows two qualifications necessary in a good loudspeaker. The first is clearness of pure sound at different pitches; the second is equal loudness of sound at different pitches. But even these qualities are not sufficient to reproduce all complicated sounds correctly. A third necessary qualification is that in a complicated sound the individual pitches should get through in the same proportion that they have in the original sound. A fourth qualification is that the natural sound of the loudspeaker should be eliminated as much as possible. The natural sound of the loudspeaker is dependent on the horn more than anything else. The longer horn gives the effect of a lower and a more pleasing pitch.

First—Listen for a pure sound, such as that from an organ or a flute, or from a clear voice singing a sustained note; or if such tones are not available, the usual kind of "howl" on the radio set may be used. If you run this howl through the full range, you can tell fairly well if any particular pitches come through unusually loud, or if other pitches are somewhat weak. If the loudspeaker gives all pitches without a rattle, and a fairly even volume, you may expect this loudspeaker to give a rather good reproduction of all kinds of music. If one or two notes are particularly prominent, you will find that in reproducing music these notes will always ring too loud, and if the voice

happens to strike these notes they will distort the quality of the voice. However, if one or two notes are missing, the quality is not impaired to any great extent. It is only when a range of notes is missing (for instance, all the low notes, or all the high notes) that the quality of both music and speech will be impaired considerably.

How to Test

This test by means of the "howl" of the set will, as a rule, show you better than any particular selection of music or voice whether a loudspeaker can reproduce all kinds of music and voice satisfactorily.

The second test is made with piano notes. The piano gives a very abrupt sound, generally consisting of a blending of several pitches which are known in music as the fundamental and its overtones. In order to reproduce this sound correctly, the loudspeaker must have superior qualities. Sometimes the low notes on the piano seem to come through very clearly but, somehow, a musician would not think that the piano is reproducing correctly. He would speak of it as sounding "tinny." This would give a fair indication that these low notes miss their fundamentals and only reproduce their overtones, or high pitches.

A third test, and probably the most important, is the test of the voice. The voice, and particularly the speaking voice, is an extremely complicated sound. It consists, generally, of a blending of a number of pitches. Sometimes as many as 20 or 30 pitches are necessary to produce the quality and the inflection of the voice.

An increase or decrease in any one of these pitches will change the quality or inflection. Personal judgment is, of course, the only way to determine the quality of the loudspeaker. If you hear a person, whose voice you know, talking by radio, you can judge the quality of the loudspeaker by the naturalness of the voice, particularly by its inflections. The pitch of your friend's voice may appear lowered or raised a certain amount, due to characteristics of the horn, but that would not necessarily impair the quality. If you do not know the person talking, the best test you can make is to get far away from the loudspeaker and try to understand what is being said. With a good loudspeaker it is possible to go to a different part of the house, shut the door, and yet understand clearly.

In addition to clearness, another quality of speech should be considered also. A loudspeaker may give very clear speech, but with an accent on some particular sound, as the "ah" sound. Although this does not necessarily make the loudspeaker undesirable, yet the effect of this accent during a long talk will probably be annoying.

In testing the loudspeaker, and also in using it, it is essential that the radio station, the radio set, and the amplifier with which it is used all give good quality. A poor amplifier, or a radio set improperly adjusted, will make the best loudspeaker sound like the worst. It is sometimes difficult to get a distant station on the loudspeaker to sound clear. The usual effect is to accentuate the low notes and suppress the high ones. All voices are pitched low, and the music seems to consist of the booming of drums and the low notes of the piano or orchestra. This effect is due to the closeness of adjustment of the set, and can be corrected only by the use of a more powerful set which does not require such close adjustment.

In conclusion, let us consider the place where the loudspeaker is to be used. In an ordinary living-room of a small house, it is not necessary to have a loudspeaker that gives a large volume of sound. Quality is far more important, and a weak loudspeaker with a good quality will be found far superior and more pleasing. A loudspeaker capable of an enormous volume has its uses for outdoor demonstrations, dance-halls, or auditoriums. A house with



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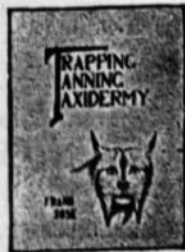
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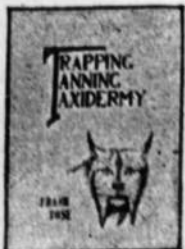
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Winter Fun for Children

*Some of the things children may play while
shut in-doors*

By AMY J. ROE

MOTHERS of small children often dread the coming of the cold and stormy days of winter for they know that the little ones will be shut in-doors. The child who has been accustomed to the freedom of the out-of-doors is apt to be restless and discontented when confined to the house and subject to the restraints that are put upon him. He is at a loss to know how to fill in time. He is either wandering about aimlessly looking for "something to do," or he is so boisterous that there is no living in the same room with him. He is being continually admonished to "run away and play," or "to stop making so much noise."

One mother of several small children keeps a note book in which she marks down suggestions for games, the children can play or occupations in which they can engage themselves. She says that it is remarkable how that list grows. The children have learned what a rich mine of suggestions the note book is. They consult it of their own accord when they are tired of their own games and want something new. A mere hint or suggestion of a game is enough for a child. It may be necessary to fully explain or show him how to play the game once, but after that has been done he should be left with his play-mates to carry on by themselves. It is a mistake and altogether too much work to attempt to supervise play continually. Once learned a game will be repeated many, many times, as children, unlike adults, delight in repetition. They will add little bits of their own making-up or leave out parts that do not especially appeal to them or which they do not properly understand.

Old Games Popular

Children's games down through the generations have not changed very greatly. What grown-ups work at seriously children love to imitate in play. Hence small girls delight to dress up in mother's and big sister's long skirts and play at keeping house, giving tea parties, going calling, and dressing dolls, while boys take an equal amount of pleasure in playing store, driving trains made up of a string of dining-room chairs hitched together with cord, or go hunting wild animals amid the play mountains of the living-room furniture. The child who is so unfortunate as to have to play alone will spend many happy hours with a toy broom and dustpan or a slightly heated iron and a board with some garments to iron. Incidentally, in games like these, children are training their muscles and minds for work they will do in later life and are developing a feeling that the bit they can do is worth while and appreciated.

Scrap books keep children busy for many hours. They are especially good for the early evening hours when mother and father want a few moments of peace and quietness to read or to carry on a conversation. Children can be given old catalogs, fashion books, magazines and a blunt pair of scissors, and they will spend many happy hours cutting out paper dolls. If they are allowed their own scissors (which must be blunt so that there will be no danger of accidents), they can resume this occupation whenever they wish.

I have in memory a family of seven children who

were particularly fond of playing with "paper pictures" as they called them. They made up groups of pictures into families. Each picture was given a name, and the owner of a group made up stories of the various activities of the members of their picture family. Needless to say some of these picture people by the active imagination of the little owners became quite remarkable and noble characters. Sometimes the story told of their doings became so interesting that all the other owners paused in theirs to see how it would end. The end of course was not final, for the advantage of the "picture family" was that it could be altered or members traded off as the owner wished. The stories were serials that continued until the young proprietors reached the self-conscious "teen-age years and "cast off childish things."

A mother whose children liked cutting out picture people marked numbers on the back of them and taught the children to have a picture hunt. At the end of the game the figures on the backs of pictures were added up and the winner was the one who held the highest total.

Simple Equipment Needed

A couple of cheap bubble pipes or even cheaper straws and a basin of soapy water will fill in many happy hours during winter. One mother we know who looked about for some occupation for her small daughter of a year and a half, spread newspapers on the floor, set the little one on them and gave her a lard pail full of oats which had been well sorted to get rid of the dust, and let the little one have a few empty cans and a measuring spoon. The little tot took a great amount of pleasure in filling and emptying the cans. Another device for keeping a very young child amused, and within a busy mother's range of vision, is a hanging swing in the kitchen. These are made from heavy canvas with ropes fastened to the corners. Holes are cut in the canvas through which the baby's legs are slipped, and he sits very comfortably in the little pocket-like swing. The ropes can be arranged so that the child's feet just touch the floor, and he will amuse himself by keeping the swing in motion. Of course care must be taken that the child is not left too long at any one time in such a swing.

Some mothers make a practice of saving all empty containers of food, such as biscuit boxes, cocoa cans, soap and baking soda, and also printed paper wrappers. The children use these for playing store. A block of wood with tomato can wrapper makes a very good play make-believe can of tomatoes to be sold over the counter in the play store. Money made from discs of cardboard and marked with numbers to denote the different coins adds to the fun of the game.

It is a good plan to save empty spools of all sizes. The children can use these as blocks or thread them on strings. They make very good wheels for wagons made out of cardboard or light board boxes.

Children love to play with marbles, buttons or beads of various colors. It is quite an easy matter to keep a button bag handy and slip into it buttons cut off old clothing. The children like to

thread these on string and to make play bracelets out of them. If beads are given for threading they should not be too small or the child will tire from the effort of



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I MET a young woman the other day, hurrying along with a worried pucker on her usually smooth brow. We stopped a few minutes for a chat, and she explained that she was on her way to do some Christmas shopping. "This is one season of the year when I count it a misfortune to be a member of a large family, and have, in addition, a whole host of relatives and many friends," was her comment. "By the time I finished buying all the Christmas gifts I feel I really have to give, my purse will be so lean that I expect it will take many, many weeks to recover its normal health." And away she hustled to make good use of the few minutes she had to spare from her work.

A large number of relatives and friends a burden and a worry! They had always seemed to me a very necessary part of the setting for Christmas joys and festivities. I tried as I walked on to imagine what a Christmas without them would be like. The picture brought to mind was a very unsatisfactory and a most unattractive one. Then I called to memory the families I knew and their ways of celebrating Christmas. Somehow or other the large families managed to have some exceptionally good times. They seemed to draw others like a strong magnet, and the hospitality of those homes was shared with many lonely people. Surely there was a wrong twist somewhere in that young woman's thinking.

Her words were brought back to me, however, when I overheard a man, a father of a fair-sized family of young people, not many of whom have yet reached wage-earning years, complaining about Christmas expenditure. "It is nothing but money, money these days. I fail to see where the joy of Christmas comes in when people have to worry about the bills that are coming in. Christmas may be alright for the stores, but there is something wrong about the idea. We buy gifts and give them to others because they buy them for us. After all, considering how many unnecessary things are purchased and given and the worry of it all, I think that we would be much better off without our custom of observing Christmas."

Have we allowed Christmas to become a burden and a worry?

If so the fault rests with us for that is contrary to the underlying idea of the custom of giving at this season of the year.

So many of us are not perfectly honest with ourselves when it comes to a matter of gifts. We give too often from a sense of obligation rather than from a desire to express love and goodwill. Its perfectly natural to want to bring pleasure and joy into the lives of those who are closest and dearest to us. The things they need or want we delight to give them, if it lies within our power. Giving is one of the truest expressions of love.

But we go on from year to year piling up difficulties for ourselves and adding to our worries. We set a standard that we cannot afford, and we send gifts to certain people because we expect that they are going to send some to us. Do we ever pause to remember that Christmas presents were originally magical charms assuring the recipients a plentitude of the good things typified by the gift? Charms may be mere tokens. They are really carriers of our good wishes to our friends and should be capable of awakening a sense of pleasure, of joy in the heart of the receiver in the fact that they are remembered. If they bring instead a worried feeling of obligation then they have failed

miserably for the purpose for which they are intended.

Sometimes we get into the circle of customs that are hard to break. It takes quite a bit of courage to drop certain habits or to make new ones. A woman friend of mine, who has a very large number of friends and relatives, decided that her financial position would not allow her to remember by gifts all those who were dear to her, so she wrote a few weeks in advance and told them that this year her gift was to be a letter. She sent letters to more than she could possibly have remembered by gifts. The response to her letters was most gratifying. That annual Christmas letter now renews old friendships in a way that no other remembrance could. Each year her circle of friends is growing wider, but she does not find that that imposes extra financial worries upon her at Christmas.

There is considerable truth to the argument that much of our giving is thoughtless and even foolish. About this season of the year we see the shelves and the counters of the stores crowded with fancy knick-knacks, showy trinkets and gaudy finery. The storekeepers keep these things in stock because they know that people will buy them. They are useless and only last for a very short time, yet the amount of money spent upon them each year is tremendous. They are the articles that are bought by thoughtless people, and by those who leave their Christmas shopping till the last moment and then buy in a panic of haste. When we cease to buy these useless and meaningless articles, manufacturers will cease to make them.

Mothers have a wonderful way, all their own, of making Christmas what it should mean to children. Even when father most solemnly declares that there are no extra pennies this year for gifts, mother somehow or other manages to delay the purchases of some long needed article till Christmas. Thus some of the most welcome gifts are provided, and one or two little extras or luxuries squeezed in make Christmas time a season of joy to the heart of a child. And, too, father's declarations must not be taken too seriously for he usually relents and becomes a party to the secret plotting and gift buying in the few weeks preceding Christmas.

Christmas can be made whatever we want to make it. It should be a time of loving and giving, and that carried out will lighten the hearts of men, women and children for the year that lies just ahead. We have in Canada the happy custom of making this a time of home-coming and family re-union, and we can plan for many pleasant events. The Yule Log, the Christmas Tree, carols, visiting, neighborliness and thoughtfulness for others will make the occasion one that will be pleasantly remembered, and one which we will add to our store of memories of other happy Christmases in the past. Let us this year keep it in spirit as well as in form.

We are very near to another Christmas time and we will all soon be very busy with our separate plans and work for the holiday time. The new year lies ahead with unlimited possibilities. In closing may I wish the reader friends of this little corner of The Guide every kind wish of the Christmas season, and a year of happiness and plenty in 1925.

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The gradual development of our country is slowly limiting the areas where the smaller fur-bearing animals and big game can roam with the freedom they once enjoyed. However, thousands of square miles still remain, unmolested by the onward march of civilization, hence hunting and fishing are still important Canadian industries.

Although this is true very few trappers in former days tanned the hides or preserved the pelts they obtained. This part of the business was always purely a commercial enterprise, but in recent years the spread between the value of raw pelts or hides and the cost of leather goods has been so great that a number of people are now tanning enough leather for their own

requirements. Some are even making robes, rugs and furs from the raw pelts.

Possibly hard times has been the cause of this change, but another important factor is that information on this work is now more easily obtainable, whereas, a few years ago it was hard to find. It is such books as those written under the above title that are referred to.

Written by a taxidermist who knows all our wild life from the Great Lakes to Alaska, it is a little gold mine of information. The author's knowledge and experience was supplemented by that of other noted trappers, and the section on tanning was written in collaboration with tanning experts, so that the book is very comprehensive. As the title would indicate the book is divided into three sections, the first section being devoted to trapping. In it the writer describes the haunts of the various wild animals, the kind of track each makes, their habits, and the kind of food eaten. He tells the best kind of bait to use, gives the size of trap best suited for catching a specified animal, and what is of particular value has provided numerous illustrations which are simple to understand.

Nor does he forget to mention the necessity for considering the animal's feelings, hence he emphasizes such things as traps with thick jaws, and regular daily visits to the line to see if anything is caught.

Possibly the most valuable part of the book is that dealing with tanning. Here you find a description of every device and instrument necessary in this trade, from a fleshing beam to a currier's knife. Most of the tools are homemade and their care and use are discussed. A novice could follow the description of any of the processes of tanning and could make a good piece of leather, raw-hide, or a horse, cow or sheep robe. There are processes of tanning described which take only a few days, others take months, but all of them are simple and practical. Whether you want to remove wool from a sheep skin, make mocassins out of deer skin, or gloves from calf, lamb, dog or cats skins, the information is all there.

The last section on taxidermy is just as complete as the first two. Without the taxidermist our museums would be practically empty, and what sportsman is there who does not like to have some of his trophies preserved. Here again the necessity of observing the local game laws, and the protection of those species which are almost extinct is mentioned.

The book is written expressly for amateurs and it should prove a source of pleasure and profit to those who are interested in one or all of the subjects discussed.

Winter Fun for Children

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working closely with them. It is well to provide play objects that are not too tiny as children's muscles are not ready for careful movements, or fine adjustments.

Children should not be denied active games when shut in-doors. It is a good plan to let them have a room to themselves for a few hours during the day if the noise of their play disturbs others. With lamps out of danger's way and stoves carefully barred off they can romp to their heart's content. Blind Man's Buff, Puss in the Corner, Hunt the Button, Jacob and Rachel, and many other games will be played over and over many times. If the children wear felt house slippers there will be less noise and a great saving on the nerves of grown-up.

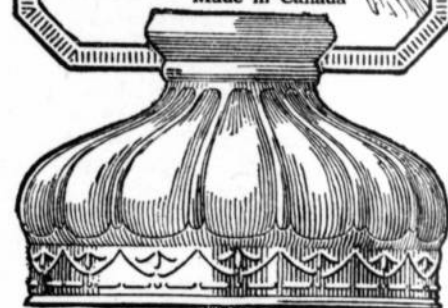
When mother and little tots are confined to the house for many days through stormy weather the matter of getting exercise in the fresh air is one that needs consideration. One woman friend tells me that she and her children dress up warmly with sweater and mitts. They open the door and windows for ten or fifteen minutes, and while the house is being aired they indulge in some lively game and keep moving about so that they will not be chilled. After this bit of play she finds the children are better natured and the house is much fresher and they all feel better for their airing.



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By Mrs. E. A. HUTCHINGS

WITH Christmas so near at hand, everyone is making plans for giving something, no matter how small, to relatives and friends.

If a little thought is given to the question, a few cents can be stretched a long way. Perhaps a mother has a favorite book which has lost its cover or some leaves. A couple of pieces of cardboard or strawboard, covered with pretty chintz or paper in colors of which she is fond, gives it a new lease of life. A small sister will love a book containing colored drawings of nursery rhymes with the stories underneath. Then an older brother or sister is apt to need an album for snap-shots or for sketches. Such an album is very simple to make. Any printer would cut the mounted paper and strips for stubs and would also punch the holes through which to put the ribbon. For the cover you will need a heavier paper. When a snap-shot or your own design or a "cut-out" from a magazine is pasted on the cover you have a useful gift ready and fit for any friend. When once you have started making things like these you will think of lots of other ideas, such as a hallowe'en book, note book, binder for government bulletins, or a book for recipes. If you do not wish to keep large piles of magazines from year to year you can clip the articles desired and file them in a holder containing envelopes. This saves a lot of space and prevents the clippings from becoming torn or lost.

Materials Used

For doing this pleasant work you do not need any expensive materials, or even a book-binder's frame. All you require is cardboard, binder's cloth, cover-paper or chintz, thread, scissors and glue or paste. Any school supply house sells them. Ordinary paste made from flour and water with a little clove added is very satisfactory.

Here is a very simple cover which you can use for any book or magazine. Choose a piece of cardboard large enough to make one cover-board the size of book (Fig. 1). Place this on the table so that it lies vertically in reference to the edge of the table nearest you, which is horizontal. Lay the ruler on the cardboard along the upper edge. Measure 6½ inches from the left corner and make a pencil mark. Place ruler on table just below the lower edge of cardboard and place a point on this 6½ inches from the left edge. Draw a line connecting this point with the upper edge. Lay the ruler on left edge of strawboard and measure down on left edge 8½ inches from upper corner and make a pencil mark. Measure down on pencil line 8½ inches from upper edge and place a point. Connect this point with that on the left edge of the cardboard. Cut out cover-board. Now lay out and cut a second cover board in the same way.

To make the back, measure a piece of linen 5 inches by 9½ inches just as you measured out cardboard, first from the left edge and then from the right (Fig. 2). With a pencil make a centre line lengthwise of this material (Fig. 2). Draw lines across either end parallel with the short edges of the material and ½ inch from them (Fig. 2). Now paste the linen back to the cover-boards, leaving ¾ inch between the boards (the thickness of the book will determine this measurement) (Fig. 3). Paste cover-paper to boards, cutting a small square from each corner so that it can be mitred (Fig. 4). Then paste down the laps (Fig. 5). For the

leaves use six sheets of paper measuring 8½ inches by 13 inches, folded in half (Fig. 6). To hold the leaves and cover together use a piece of ordinary linen cloth 4 inches wide and ½ inch shorter than the length of the papers (Fig. 7).

Sew this strip in place to hold pages together (Fig. 8). Fasten the "signature" or pages bound by linen (Fig. 8) to the cover board, making sure that the signature is in the centre of the back. This is a gift that anyone would kindly appreciate.

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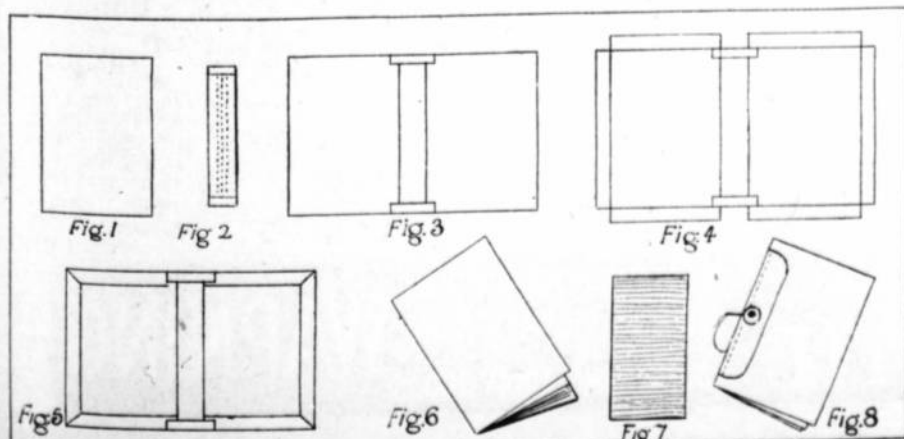
To make a very simple portfolio, cut cardboard 9 inches by 11 inches for covers and a piece of bookbinder's linen for fastening covers together, 4½ inches by 13 inches. Place cover-boards on table 1 inch apart. Cover the cloth with paste; then paste it on the cover-boards, allowing 1 inch of cloth to extend at each end of cover-boards. Turn the 1 inch of cloth extending at each end of the cover-boards back over the cover-board (inside) and paste down. Cut a strip of bookbinder's linen 4½ inches by 12 inches for covering the back of the portfolio. Draw a line through the centre of this linen lengthwise and place this line over the centre line drawn lengthwise on the piece of cloth; cover with paste and paste to the cover-boards. Turn down ½ inch of linen extending at each end on the inside of the cover-boards and paste down. Now cut the cover paper 8½ inches by 12 inches and paste these on the boards. Place these 2 inches from the centre of the cloth back and paste, mitering the corners.

Cut another piece of linen 4½ inches by 10½ inches and place this on the inside of the covers so that it will be ¾ inch from each end of the cover-boards. Be sure to centre it on the cloth and paste very securely to the cloth to make the hinge stronger. Cut the paper for linings 7 inches by 10½ inches. Lay this on the cover-board so it will be ¾ inch from front, top and bottom of portfolio and paste down. Cut three strips of paper for flaps in portfolio, two pieces 6¾ inches by 4¼ inches and one piece 10½ inches by 4¼ inches. Turn a fold down ½ inch on a long edge of each piece of paper. Place these folded edges to the cover still unlined, ¾ inch from each of its edges, using the shorter pieces for the shorter edges. Place the other lining paper over the inside of these flaps and over the remaining surface. This will make the pocket of the portfolio. Lay under a heavy book or press and leave it to dry.

Decorations for Covers

When making a useful book for a friend for Christmas, you can draw a very pretty design or cut out a pattern in leather and paste it on the book. Cut-outs from magazines, if well chosen, make an attractive decoration. There are many pretty colored papers, so choose a type to suit the character of the book. For children's books, cut-outs of animals or Dutch children from wall-paper and pasted on the cover give delight to the little ones, and no nicer Christmas gift could be found for a slender purse.

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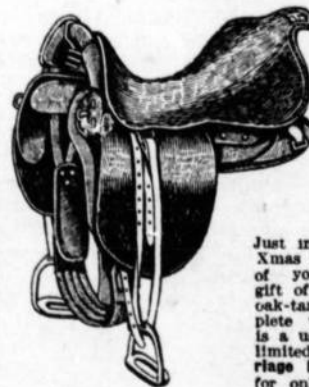
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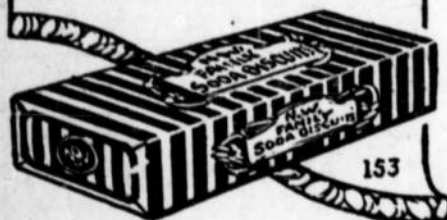
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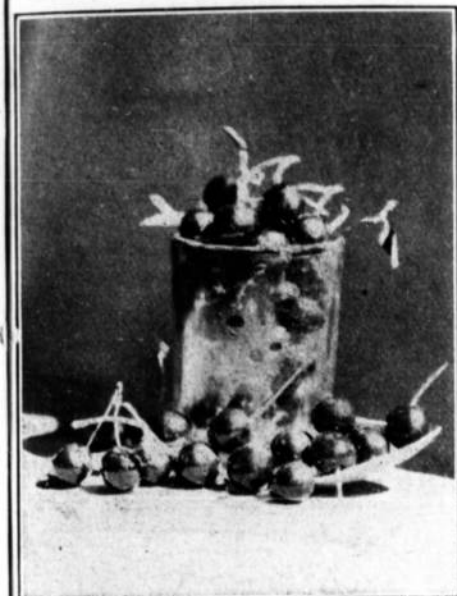
Footsteps of the Pioneers

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bility wherever horticulture is known in this country.

Morden Experimental Farm

Nine miles away from Stevenson's farm, is the Dominion Experimental Farm at Morden, established in 1915. The wisdom of establishing an experimental farm at Morden, is apparent to every visitor to the farm, and even greater wisdom was displayed by the federal department of agriculture, in selecting as the superintendent of that farm not only a practical horticulturist but a real enthusiast with an abounding faith in the country, in the person of



The hardy Vladimir cherry, grown to perfection at Stevenson's Pine Grove Nursery, Morden

W. R. Leslie, a graduate of Manitoba Agricultural College. He is a young man with a wide horticultural knowledge, who bids fair to make a great mark in the horticultural development of this country. It was a great piece of good fortune that on the day the horticultural delegates visited the experimental farm, they were accompanied by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Dominion minister of agriculture, who was seeing Morden for the first time since he passed through it in a buckboard in 1881. Although there was but little fruit ripe at the experimental farm on August 13, yet there was plenty of it hanging from the trees. Mr. Motherwell expressed his surprise and gratification at what he saw, and I feel sure he will be sympathetic towards an extension of experimental work in horticulture on the prairies. It would be a great work if the Rosthern Experimental Farm were made into a horticultural and fruit-breeding station in conjunction with the Morden Station. These two stations working together in the course of 10 years would give us tested hardy fruits suitable for every prairie soil and climate.

By the kindness of Mr. Leslie, I have had samples of plums of the following varieties—Waneta, Omaha, Kaga, Ojibwa, Sansoto, Pembina, Cree, Hanska, as well as Champa, Wachampa and Zumbra cherries, and apples of the Hibernia, Charlamoff, Wealthy and Patten Greening varieties. The Waneta is the largest and one of the very best of all the plums. I think it is quite equal to any plum that comes to the Winnipeg market from east, west or south. At Morden the tree is quite hardy and bears well, and has proven hardy at Dauphin as well, which promises for it a good future. If it proves out hardy everywhere, a plum that measures 2 1/8 inches in diameter, splendid to eat out of hand, and an excellent cooker, it is a real discovery. Many of the other plums are splendid fruit though smaller.

To tell of the Morden Experimental Farm, at least the horticultural section of it, would require an article by itself. Four thousand seedling apple trees in one plantation are year by year coming into fruit, and a lot of very fine apples with great promise are being developed there. All the new plums being produced in Canada and in the Dakotas and Minnesota, are being tested out and the verdict of the next two or three years will be of great

value in deciding what will be our standard tree fruits on the prairie. The Morden Experimental Farm was established on the open prairie, and many of the fruit trees have no protection within 200 yards, so that the tests being made are of the utmost value.

Boughen's Valuable Experiments

Following next on the program was the visit to Boughen's Nursery at Valley River, 10 miles north of Dauphin, Man. For many years W. J. Boughen has been an amateur horticulturist. He has never attempted any fruit breeding, but he has done an equally valuable work in gathering and testing for hardiness a wide range of varieties of fruits, mostly plums, but also a considerable quantity of crab apples and apples, grapes, strawberries, raspberries, etc. In this particular direction, he has had a wider personal experience probably than any man in Western Canada. The horticulturists from Minnesota were astounded to find the quality and variety of fruits at Dauphin, 500 miles north of the point where their own experimental work in hardy fruits is being carried on. Nearly all the varieties of plums and cherries developed in the past 20 years at Morden, in South Dakota, and in Minnesota, were growing or had been grown by Mr. Boughen. He showed his visitors plum trees, crab apple trees and cherry trees loaded with fruit, which ripened in September and early October. His raspberries, both red and black, were in their prime, and the raspberry patch suffered severely from the assaults of the visitors. He had a considerable area given over to strawberries, and is also testing many of the standard apples, only two or three of which have yet fruited, those being Pine Grove Red, Parker and Antonovka. Of plums Mr. Boughen thinks most highly of the Sapa, Opata, Underwood and Cheney. He is testing many other varieties which promise equally as well. The Tom Thumb cherry fruits abundantly with him as well as at all other places where it has been grown on the prairies. Mr. Boughen was good enough to send me baskets of Sapa, Opata, Cheney, Mammoth, Assiniboine and Aitken plums. All except the latter are excellent fruit, both to eat out of hand and for cooking, the Sapa and the Cheney being rather superior to the others. The trees are hardy and they are good bearers. During recent years Mr. Boughen has developed a nursery business in connection with his horticultural work and

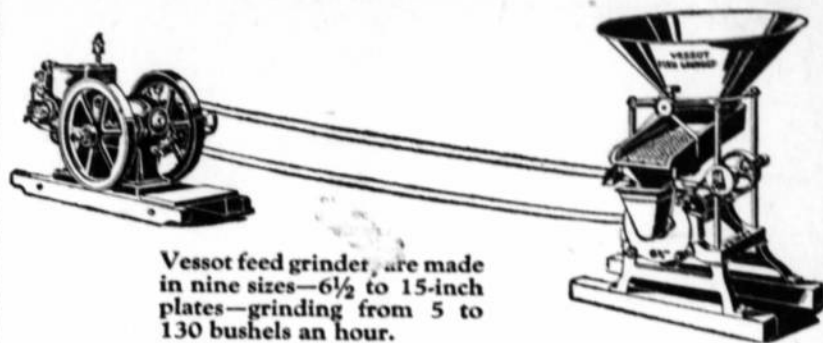


Even if they never yielded a pound of fruit, the hardier sorts of fruit trees are worth planting for wealth of bloom they provide. This is the widely-grown Opata hybrid plum.

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Skinner of Dropmore

The concluding stage of the horticulturists visit was at the farm of F. L. Skinner, six miles east of Dropmore, Man. "Skinner, of Dropmore," is a name becoming well known in horticultural circles. Working quietly and alone for more than 20 years, he has been chiefly engaged in collecting from



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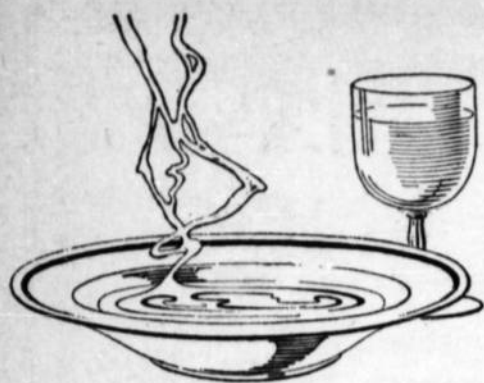
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various parts of the earth, trees, shrubs and flowers, to test their hardiness in his climate, at an elevation of 1,800 feet, and his arboretum was acknowledged to be probably the best private arboretum in Canada. At another time I hope to write something of Mr. Skinner's excellent arboretum and his plant breeding work. Just at present however, I want to mention his experiments in fruit growing. He was fruiting successfully Tom Thumb cherry, Transcendent crab apple, Red Siberian Crab, the Charles apple and Opata, Mammoth, Assiniboine and Pembina plums. He sent me samples of his ripe fruit in September, and its quality was excellent. The elevation at Dropmore is a very severe test of hardiness, and these fruits should stand any prairie location. Mr. Skinner also had three-year-old Tait pear trees, as well as Hanson Sand pear and Chinese apricots, all looking thrifty, but not yet fruiting. He has not yet fruited any standard apples, but is growing them prostrate along the ground in order to bloom them for hybridizing purposes. Strawberries and raspberries grow well at Dropmore. As a plant breeder, Mr. Skinner will be heard from in the future.

At Indian Head

At the Dominion Government Forestry Station, at Indian Head, Sask., the superintendent, Norman M. Ross, has rendered a distinct public service outside of his regular duties, by demonstrating the possibilities of tree fruits on the Saskatchewan prairie. In 1904, when the forestry station was established it was on the bare prairie. A few years later shelter belts were growing up, and, in 1908, Mr. Ross began setting out plum and apple trees, which he secured from the late Mr. Stevenson, of Morden, and has since tested out a wide range of plums, apples, crab apples, grapes, strawberries and raspberries. He has tested over 20 varieties of plums since 1908, and probably 30 varieties of apples and crabs. When I visited the forestry station in August, practically nothing was ripe, owing to the lateness of the season, but there was a goodly quantity of fruit on the trees, and most of it ripened later on. The Tokata plum is Mr. Ross' best, not large as the Waneta, but perhaps slightly better in flavor, though rather late in ripening, and on that account rather risky. These two are at the very front of our plum list, but have not yet been demonstrated as hardy in all parts of the prairies. Mr. Ross finds among the good plums that are hardy with him and bear well the Tokata, Cheney, Mammoth, Winnipeg, Assiniboine, Opata, Sapa and Sansota. Of cherries or rather plum-cherries, he finds the Tom Thumb very hardy, and a heavy bearer, and the same applies to the Compass cherry, although it is sometimes dangerously late in ripening. He is growing the Wachampa, which bears well, but the fruit is too astringent to be of much value. The Zumbra cherry trees planted in 1922, bore a few fruits this summer. Mr. Ross finds the Blushed Calville and Hibernial apples among the hardiest and both are good bearers. He has also fruited the Charlamoff, Ostrekoff, Patten Greening, Anism, Gipsy Girl, Simbrisk, Wapella, and in 1924, for the first time, he fruited Wealthy, Dudley, Red Anis and Duchess. Five small trees of Ostrekoff bore a heavy crop—heavier than any other variety. He finds that most of his apple trees killed back somewhat at the tops in winter, in the earlier years after they were planted, but have developed in hardiness year by year.

I have had some of the apples grown by Mr. Ross, and they are as large as the best eastern, western or southern apples. They are not in quality equal to the McIntosh Red nor the Gravenstein, but some of them are real good eating fruit, and all of them first class for cooking. Mr. Ross sent me in September a basket of Tom Thumb cherries, the best of which measured about an inch in diameter, and I had cherry pie, stewed cherries and preserved cherries that carried me in memory back to my boyhood days in the Annapolis Valley. I consider the Tom Thumb cherry one of the very best things in our horticulture.

While at Indian Head, I visited the garden of Dr. Hunt, the pioneer medical

practitioner of that locality. Nearly 40 years ago he settled at Indian Head, and has three acres of land in the village, surrounded by a caragana hedge which is now nearly 20 feet high. He set out a number of Siberian crab apple trees many years ago, and later top grafted them into standard apples. He had trees showing a good crop of Duchess, Patten Greening and Hibernial. He informed me that his Hibernial tree had been bearing for 20 years, his Patten Greening for 10 years, and the Duchess for six years. His general verdict on apple growing was that about the only obstacle in the way of success with apples was the boys. Probably he would agree also that the only satisfactory method of overcoming this obstacle is for more people to start growing apples.

The Far North

Away up north at Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Seager Wheeler, the world famous wheat grower, several years ago, became interested in fruit growing, and he has eight acres planted out with all kinds of fruit trees. Although I have not visited Mr. Wheeler's farm since he started growing fruit I have been there several times, and am well acquainted with his conditions. He has planted out apple trees, cherry trees and plum trees, grapes, raspberries, strawberries, etc. I received from him a few weeks ago excellent samples of Transcendent crabs, Olga crabs, Red Siberian crabs, Opata and Mammoth plums, Wachampa cherries, Tom Thumb cherries and native sand cherries. The crab apples Mr. Wheeler sent were fully equal to the best that come to the Winnipeg market from British Columbia. Dr. Wheeler's farm is located over 200 miles north of the American boundary and is the most northerly fruit plantation of its size on the prairies. His experience in the next few years will be a guide for horticulturists.

At the various experimental farms and in private gardens all over the prairies can be found occasional apple, crab apple and plum trees of different varieties. The experience of those who have been pioneering in this work indicates that tree fruits can be widely grown provided there is shelter in the form of tree plantations. The list of hardy fruits is becoming better known year by year, and the method of cultivation is also being more widely understood. The fact that the fruits I have mentioned have been growing over such a wide range of territory indicates their possibilities on the prairies in general. Although there are still too many farm homes located in the bare prairies without a tree near them, yet there are many thousands with plenty of shelter which would enable them to have an excellent fruit garden. Many of the low growing bush fruits could be grown in the shelter of high fences or rows of sunflowers, while other shelter is growing.

The purpose of this article has been to outline some of the possibilities of growing tree fruits as measured by actual achievements in a few places. Strawberries and raspberries are grown with comparative ease practically everywhere on the prairies. Currants do exceptionally well and gooseberries might be considered fairly successful. Quite a start is being made in growing grapes of the cultivated varieties. I found them growing at Morden, Dauphin and Indian Head, clusters of beautiful purple grapes, reminding one of the Concord, and although good for eating, are not up to the standard of that famous variety. However, they are merely an indication of what the future will bring forth.

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Memories of '85

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in the snow; no tents or stoves; thirty-two days for me, the round trip being 500 miles.

The Story Resumed

On proposing to my wife that I should take her and the four young children to Prince Albert, and that I would either go scouting or on the transport she absolutely refused to consider it, and said whatever happened we must all stay together. Scouting round the place next day I found traces of a large body of Indians, probably from Nut Lake who had camped for the night a mile or so south of the house and then struck off south-west for Batoche. Evidently they were making for the rebel head-quarters, and this convinced me it was no longer safe to stay on the place.

A year or so after the rebellion an Indian told me that a council had taken place with this war party as to whether they would raid my place or not, and it was only decided by a narrow majority that I should be left alone.

Some six miles south of old Fort La Corne lived a retired Hudson's Bay Company clerk, one Geo. Goodfellow, an old-timer and absolutely fearless where Indians were concerned. We decided to make for his place. Leaving most of our household goods at home, but taking all furs and trading goods, off we started; order of travel being myself riding ahead, well armed, my wife driving a team of ponies with buckboard and two kiddies, then our girl with oxen and wagon and the other two children. I would ride ahead for a mile or two, then circle the party. We had the usual trouble in crossing some five creeks and camped the first night at Carrot River.

Starting early next morning and when about half way to our destination in one of my rides ahead I caught sight of three mounted men riding south-west. Scanning them closely with field glasses I concluded they were followers of Riel and armed with single barrel, muzzle loading guns. After a moments thought I rode to intercept them. Meeting, I gave the usual Cree salutation: Wachea, Wachea, to which they cheerfully replied. We all dismounted, took out fire bags and settled down for a smoke and talk.

A Private Truce

As I surmised they were Riel's men sent down to look for the government cattle on the reserve, but in this they failed as the Indians very wisely hid them, so they were returning empty handed. I asked if they were bothering settlers. "No" was the reply. We passed close to Nees-wa-pi-tis (Goodfellow's) house, and saw the children playing at the door. They were evidently not enthusiastic at the prospect of war; all they wanted was their rights from the government; they had no quarrel with the settlers.

After chatting a few minutes we parted, and I returned to the teams finding the women angry and anxious at my long absence. However, I cheered them up, and two hours further trek brought us to Goodfellow's, where we received the heartiest of welcomes, and

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He was in great spirits at my arrival, and remarked: "Now we are good for a regiment of rebels." He also told me the good news of having a York Boat carefully cached in the mouth of Payonnan creek, and if the worst came to the worst we had a safe escape down the river.

The Master Returned

Breakfasting early next morning and seeing to our arms we drove to old Fort La Corne, and there found a number of Indians who were very much interested in the valuable goods laying about. But Goodfellow had been master of La Corne for a number of years and immediately ordered them across the river and away they went at once, being a peaceable crowd. As we were liable to be visited by hostiles at any time, to whom the supplies would be very acceptable, our first thought was of the ammunition, there being a considerable stock of powder, bullets, gun-caps and flints (for flint lock guns were still in use). We finally disposed of these in an old dry well, storing them carefully against dampness and removing all traces on the surface. We then carried all goods into the store, placing different sorts of goods together, padlocked the store and drove home for the night.

It took several days of steady work to take an inventory of all goods on hand, and the last day while we were figuring up totals (which ran well into the thousands), the door of the shop opened and in filed four French half-breeds. I thought we were in for trouble and backed up against the shelves where my six-shooter was laying loaded, then looked at Goodfellow. Not a word was spoken. I could note his beard curling and finally he said in sharp tones, "What do you want?" With that the leader produced a letter from Chief Factor Lawrence Clark, at Prince Albert, asking him to take an inventory of all goods and ship them by these men to Cumberland House. The letter further stated, these were loyal men and anxious to get away from the fighting. Tension relaxed. I asked George afterwards what he would have done if they had proved hostile. "Called to them to put up their hands," was his instant reply. "I was over 40 years in the company's service and never lost any of their goods yet; also I noted you had your big pistol handy."

Through the Lines

We at once commenced baling and packing goods, then arranging a camp for the men went home, coming back early in the morning with my furs. After some hours hard work we saw the boat off with its valuable cargo. This meant safety as the rebels never attempted to reach the lower Saskatchewan.

After copies had been made of the inventory and shipping bills, I volunteered to take them to Prince Albert, starting in the saddle next morning by way of the Forks. This is a wild and beautiful spot where the waters of the north and south branches unite; very high banks clothed with dark spruce and whirling, eddying waters. Spending some time in searching for a skiff or canoe, I rather recklessly determined to swim it; so riding up the south branch for half a mile, taking a small dry log along for a rest and placing valuables and papers on my head, into the water we went. Wow! but it was cold, and it took the little mare and myself all we knew to make the other bank, and we were both very much exhausted on reaching it, in fact but for the little dry log I doubt if we ever would have accomplished it. Found a deserted house on the upper bank, and making a large fire outside to dry my clothes we finally camped in the stable, where there was plenty of warm bedding for man and beast.

Away early next morning passing many deserted dwellings, especially as I reached the lower flat, which even at that date was a well settled farming district. My thoughts were that if even the threat of war makes this desolation, what must it be like in a country where actual armies had passed and re-passed. I camped for dinner at a fine looking farm house, and the ownerless hens supplied me with fresh eggs. On reaching Miller's Hill, I struck the first pickets—two fine looking Mounties, both men and horses groomed to a finish. The contrast was great between us, I and my pony tough, muddy and travel stained after our long swim, my costume and Hudson's Bay Capot with hood up (weather chilly), long white stroud leggings, Winchester across saddle, in all much like a South African Boer. They challenged me and we rode down to the police outpost together; being identified there, I rode up town and called on Mr. Clarke, noting with much regret he looked ill and broken down. I handed him the papers and explained our action at La Corne. He thanked both Goodfellow and myself with tears in his eyes for our loyalty to the old company, and the saving of so much valuable property.

Pioneer Ethics

At the close of the rebellion Goodfellow and myself sent in our accounts to the Hudson's Bay Company for time served in their interests at Fort La Corne; so many days at \$2.00 a day each. Several of our friends remarked on our folly, saying we might have made a pile, and the government would have compensated the company just the same. But that was not the way business was done in the old Hudson's Bay days. The company paid our account, taking the action as a matter of course.

Some thousands of men were in Prince Albert and a great deal of excitement prevailed. General Middleton was hourly expected to attack Batoche, and if he had met with defeat, no doubt the rebels would have marched on the city. At Mr. Clarke's request, I stood guard with a number of others round the company's establishment that night, leaving early next day for La Corne, where news of the collapse of the rebellion speedily followed me. We then trekked for home in the same order as on our arrival, and at once began to plant potatoes and put in a garden. Indians had been in the house but nothing was touched; you could see their moccasin tracks plainly going from room to room.

The West, especially Saskatchewan, was greatly neglected in those days by the authorities at Ottawa. Many petitions were sent down only to be pigeon-holed. All appointments were filled from the East, very often by unfit men. Finally when surveyors began to lay out new lines on the old homesteads of the French half-breeds (who like their forebears in Red River had all located on river claims with a narrow frontage and running back two miles), the previous agitation culminated in rebellion, and they found a fitting leader in Louis Riel, who was living in Montana at that time.

A delegation of four was appointed at a large meeting to visit Riel and offer him the leadership. It consisted of three Metis headed by Gabriel Dumont, and Jas. Isbister, a Scotch half-breed, of a well known and much respected Nor'-West family.

Many of the British settlers opposed this move and took no further part in the agitation. Riel returned with the delegates, and at once began to hold public meetings which were largely attended. At first his tone was mild, but he soon began to preach active rebellion, and the worst feature was his attempt to raise the Indians against the whites by runners sent to all the camps in the West. While this was going on, Mr. Isbister and his friends became alarmed at Riel's actions, and very much to my surprise, I received a visit from Isbister and two others, whose names I have forgotten. Their errand was a pressing invitation for me to return with them, visit Riel and endeavor to turn his views from rebellion to a loyal agitation.

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Within the little station Joan Bartlett awaited the passing of No. 71, which was due to leave at ten minutes past six, and Joe Carter in turn awaited her.

"It's such a rotten night," he had explained as he shook the snow from his fur coat, "that I thought I'd better see that you got home all right."

Joan recognized the thoughtfulness of this attention and was not surprised, for, since the first storm, when he had set out on an impulse and, quite by chance, had found her struggling in the snow, uncertain of her way and beginning to be panicky, the two had met at intervals. At each meeting the susceptible Joe had found her influence upon himself a little stronger. Romance owes much to propinquity. His difficulty was that meanwhile, before the first fine enthusiasm of his correspondence courtship had waned, he had committed himself. That is a very unlovely way of expressing the idea that he was betrothed, but so he put it to himself. Somehow he had found it difficult to associate Joan with the idea of love—she was so capable, so interested in her work that he had, as it were, personified in her the new era of the woman in business; and besides, he knew that the environment of her whole life had been totally different from his own. But there was now, unhappily, no doubt in his mind; it was Joan he wanted. And while he felt himself bound in honor to go through with the marriage as arranged, still he felt more and more reluctant to agree on any date for its performance, and his letters through the agency were less and less frequent. For that fact he reproached himself bitterly, because there was still no false nor jarring note in the letters he received.

The labored rush and roar of No. 71 broke the current of his thoughts. The door opened and the conductor entered in a sudden blast of wind and a swirl of snow, to sign the train-register. Joan ran out and received a couple of express parcels, then the conductor gave the signal and the train, with a metallic grinding in the hard snow, gathered way with difficulty and was gone.

Joan re-entered the station, looked at the clock and reported to the despatcher that No. 71 was out of Ozone at 6:07 o'clock. Then she turned away to make a record of the express parcels.

Suddenly they heard a crash, dimly above the howling of the wind. Joe jumped to his feet with a startled exclamation and rushed out. No. 71 had reached the switch at the lower end of the yard just as a belated freight train, limping in with a broken connecting-rod, was taking the side-track.

As Joe ran down the platform the muffled figure of the conductor emerged from the darkness, staggering with uncertain steps over the unstable footing. He was ghastly white. "What's wrong?" Joe called to him. "A wreck," yelled the other. "Don't go down you can't do anything." The two returned to the station together, to be followed shortly by the crew of the freight train, the engineer and fireman of No. 71, and some wide-eyed, frightened passengers.

Joan, at the conductor's dictation, reported the wreck to the despatcher. There were, it appeared, no lives lost, but the passenger engine, striking the freight train amidships had scattered a lot of freight and itself sustained much damage. The freight train had received its orders two stations beyond, and had suffered its first mishap in struggling with the snow to reach Ozone. It was not possible to get further instructions as the operator at the intervening station had been withdrawn.

"What time did you report us out of here?" the conductor demanded of Joan.

"At 6:07," she replied.

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sat back with a groan. "But we couldn't have been out ahead of time," argued the conductor. He was, as were they all, much shaken, but there was a trace of truculence in his tone. "I looked at my watch and it was 6:10."

"Are you quite sure you looked at your watch?" Carter interrupted.

"I'm positive," said the other, and added, "if it's any concern of yours."

"Then tell me how the figure 6 is marked on it," Carter raised his hand as the other instinctively reached for his pocket.

"VI," he answered.

"Now look," said Carter. The conductor's face fell as he saw that, as usual, the space at the bottom of his watch was covered by the circle on which the second hand revolves. "You see, you can't be sure," Joe argued. "I think it's right up to you."

But Joan checked him with a "Never mind," and turned to the staccato clicking of the telegraph. She had been observing MacDowall, the engineer—a man grown grey in the company's service. Her brother had been his fireman. He was, she knew, like most of the others, a man with a home, a wife and small children—again, the thought of home—and she knew that their positions were at stake. Suddenly her mind was made up.

She transmitted the order she received that the freight engine was to haul the passenger train back to the terminal, and soon she and Carter were alone again. The clicking of the telegraph began again and when it stopped she faced him, white and tight-lipped. The contrast with her recent coolness shocked him.

"That was the superintendent," she said simply. "They have discharged me."

"But why?"

"Because when the dispatcher was giving the order about the train he asked me to repeat the time when No. 71 left this station, and I said I didn't know."

"You did know."

"Yes, but those men all have families and it doesn't matter so much about me. There's only me. And the superintendent said the A. C. & Co., couldn't afford to keep an agent who didn't know what time a train left his station." Her chin quivered in spite of herself.

Instantly Carter was at her side, a light of comprehension in his eyes, admiration too, at the extent of her sacrifice. He, too, had made his sudden resolve; his struggle was over and, come what might, his whole heart was hers.

"Joan, you aren't alone—that is unless you want to be. I love you and I want you to marry me." Here was no flight of passion, although the passion was there—the man, simple and direct in everything was inarticulate even in his moments of deepest emotion. And it is a tribute to his lack of subtlety that he chose such a time for his avow. He might have known that it was inopportune.

"You only imagine that," she answered, dolefully. "You are asking me because you're sorry for me."

"No," he said, "I have tried for a long time not to tell you, but I want to marry you more than I ever wanted anything in my life." Their eyes met and lingered in a steady gaze, but it was her's that fell.

"I won't answer you now," she said at length. "I want you to have some time to change your mind—and perhaps I want some time to change mine."

They did not talk on their way to Dawson's, but the minds of both were filled, Joan's with the crowded events of the evening, Carter's with idle speculation over her last enigmatic remark. Indeed the storm made conversation impossible, and in the last hundred yards of their walk Joan was exhausted almost to the point of giving in; but this time she rejected Joe's offers of help with an aggressive independence which mystified him all the more.

Before they retired the two women held a long bedside conference in Joan's room, and thereafter Miriam went about with the air of a satisfied conspirator which her husband found most exasperating.

The storm, however, was waning even then and when morning came the brilliant sunlight studded the snow with many-colored particles. Despite the cold and the holiday, a wrecking crew was busy clearing away the debris of last night's collision, and Carter, again on his way to Dawson's, stood and watched them at their work. He had refused Dawson's invitation to stay the night, alleging that he must see to his fires, but with the promise that he would return early in the day for the dismantling of the Christmas tree.

It gleamed and glistened, as Christmas trees do, with tinsel and diamond dust—in superfluous imitation of the abundant snow outside—to set off the mysterious packages. Francis Carter was a little too young to understand, but his father said "he's his mother's own son. He's satisfied as long as things are coming his way." At length Frank came to a bundle which, according to instructions, he had saved till the last. "Mr. Joseph Carter," he announced with a flourish. Joe opened the flat, solid-seeming parcel and looked about him in perplexity until his eyes fell upon Joan's tell-tale blush. For the parcel contained the letters he had written to the matrimonial bureau.

He rose slowly and crossed to where she sat. "I wrote at first for a joke, Joe," she said softly, "but I ended up in earnest. My answer is the same now as it was to your letters—if you still wish it so."

Miriam tiptoed to the door then turned and scowled at Frank, who followed in her wake. Francis Carter was, therefore, the only eye-witness to the scene which followed. Later in the day his mother's curiosity overcame her and she held him as a material witness; but he refused to divulge what he had seen or to make any comment other than the word, "Goo." And this is not acceptable as opinion evidence, coming as it does from one who was far from being qualified as an expert.

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"And on Earth Peace - -"

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pray, and work, and talk peace, not war. He can refuse to join in foolish talk of the inevitability of war. He can help existing agencies such as the League of Nations, to spread the spirit of Jesus, and to provide a substitute for war. In short, he can, as far as in him lies, set his face like a flint against war in all its phases.

If the church is to play its worthy part in this crusade against war, it must prepare itself for peace. It cannot give to the world what it does not itself possess. That is too often the trouble in this great matter. A church at strife within its own ranks cannot call the world to peace. The foolish and futile controversies that sweep the church every now and then are devastating and disastrous to the progress of the gospel of peace. More of the spirit of Jesus is needed imperatively within the Church itself. If, without sacrificing principle in any matter, men and women of the churches would echo the words of the great preacher, Alexander Whyte, of Edinburgh, quoted in that memorable life by G. F. Barbour, "For the restraint of controversy and for the reign of peace, and for the life of love, for my part I would willingly become all things to all men. But you will say to me in triumph, truth is truth. But I say also—and I more and more feel it—that love is love. And I have the highest authority for it, that love is the fulfilling of every law, the law of truth, and the law of duty, and every other law." If they would do this, the church life of today would be sweeter and sounder, and better fitted to give leadership to the world which so badly needs it.

Not only does this apply to the church but also to the individual Christian. His advocacy of peace will not be of much value unless peace rules within his own heart. When we have peaceful Christian men and women there will be more chance of world peace. What is within the Christian man or woman breaks out into all walks of the world's life and work. We cannot build up a Christian state out of un-Christian citizens. When the guiding rule of the average citizen in relation to most questions of the hour is one simply of self interest, it becomes a difficult task for any statesman to direct the affairs of state in a Christian spirit. Until we build "an empire of the mind" in which Jesus Christ has unquestioned sway, we shall belie Him in our social relations, in our internal politics, and certainly in our international relationships. We would get to the heart of modern troubles if we declared that the Christian world is not Christian. There you have the crux of the matter. You and I, men and women of the churches, we do not believe in Jesus! At least, we only half believe in Him. We act toward Him, and His words, and ways, in the spirit of taking what pleases us and profits us, and leaving the rest. Like poor Peter of old, we follow Him afar off.

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great blessing of peace. We shall quarrel with our neighbors, with our employers and our employees, with each other in organizations and churches, and we shall perpetuate war in the world until the Christ Child conquers. The pity of it all, the wastefulness of it all, every way considered. And the Jesus who was hailed by the angels as the bringer of peace, promises to every believer who will take it His own bequest, "My peace I give unto you." He did not mean that He would save men from trouble, but He did mean that, amid the world's tribulations, He would give the tranquil heart the controlled life.

In Morley's Life of Gladstone, Lord Morley tells that Mrs. Gladstone, in a talk with him in 1891, spoke of her husband's two sides—the one impetuous, impatient, irrestainable; the other all self control, able to dismiss

everything except the central aim, to put aside all that was weakening or disturbing, and said that Gladstone had achieved this complete mastery of self and had succeeded in the dire struggle ever since he was three or four-and-twenty. This conquest he had won, first, by the natural gift of his character; second by ceaseless wrestling in prayer—prayer that had been abundantly answered."

So this Christmas and forever afterwards, let us crown the Babe of Bethlehem our Prince of Peace! Let us make room for Him in our hearts and minds, and our thoughts will become softened and solemnized at the holy season. Open your hearts to Him in cordial hospitality. Whoever else you may have in your house this Christmas, make Him your guest, and He will grace your feast with the benediction of peace.

The Lord Archbishop of Upsala primate of Sweden, tells that, during the Great War, an English missionary came their way, and in a conversation with the archbishop, declared, "I know why Sweden has been spared from the war." The archbishop said it was a great mercy of the Almighty. "Yes," replied the missionary, "but you have been praying in this country year after year, and century after century, every day in every parish, for peace." The archbishop was surprised, but the missionary explained that what he meant was that the church bell, which was sounded every morning and evening, called men to pray "Pro pace et principe"—"for peace and good government." Happy bells, happy people!

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Games for a House Party

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The Ditto Game is one in which laughter is forbidden. The players sit close together in a silent circle. Whatever the leader does the others have to do, but without a smile or a sound. Perhaps the leader will begin by pulling the hair of the one sitting beside him and pass on to pat the next person's cheek, prod his side or pinch his nose. The one who smiles or makes a sound takes the leader's place in the centre.

For Fan and Feathers, the players divide into two sides and each side has a den which may be constructed by placing a newspaper, or some similar object at each end of the room. A tape is stretched across the middle of the room and on it one feather for each two players is placed. It is necessary to have different colored feathers. The players are given fans. The two sides face each other, two opposing players being opposite each feather. At a certain pre-arranged signal the players commence to fan. The object being to waft the feathers into their opponents den. When a feather is blown into a den the loser has to pay a forfeit, and the two drop out of the game.

To End the Evening

After refreshments have been served and the guests are sitting quietly resting, it is sometimes a good plan to have a co-operative story. One begins a tale. His left hand neighbor takes it up where he left off. A time limit of from one to three minutes is agreed to at the start. The story may last any length of time, but it should be the object of each teller to make the plot complicated for those who follow. Much fun can be gained by introducing references to the events of the day.

Impromptu speeches are also good fun. Each player draws from a hat a slip of paper on which is written the title of the subject he must talk about for five minutes. Until the five minutes are over he may not resume his seat, even though he has nothing to say. Another way of varying this is as follows: The speaker makes frequent pauses in his speech, and at every stop the rest of the company is obliged to call out, "Hear, Hear!" If any one forgets or misses he must stand and make a speech in the place of the former orator. The

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Gifts from the Scrap Bag

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of the box and cut the material at the corners and paste down to the inside. Cement the bottom edge underneath the box. Turn in half an inch where the ends meet at one of the back corners.

The box may be lined with silk of a contrasting color. Perhaps a lighter tone than has been used for the outside covering. This using of contrasts in color enables you to use up small pieces besides preventing a monotonous effect. To line the box take cardboard that is not too stiff—a piece of an old shoe-box might do. Cut the cardboard in separate pieces to fit the inside of the ends and sides with one large piece for the bottom. These should fit with ease in order to allow for covering. Next remove the cardboard and cover each piece separately. When lining a box a padding should be used. cotton-batting is the best. Place a small amount over each piece of cardboard, stretch the silk tightly over this and glue the edge of the lining material to the back of the cardboard. The lining for the lid is made in the same way, only in this case the side and end pieces may not be needed. It depends on the structure of the box.

While these are drying the final finishing of the outside of the box could be attended to. Metallic net or lace in gold or silver or metallic braid are the things mostly used to give the finishing touches to these "French Novelties." Sometimes corners of the lace with a metallic guimpe or gold net may be stretched over the colored cloth and glued on in the same way as the covering of silk. Or one may omit all these extras and simply finish the edge. The top of the lid and the sides of the box with a narrow metallic guimpe or braid. Cut the strip of braid the necessary length and after putting glue on the wrong side, place it neatly around the edges and on top of the box. When this is done spread glue on the back of each piece of cardboard and put them back into position in the box. The article is now complete. See box below.

Attractive Cushion

The odd-shaped cushion that is pictured in the lower right hand corner gives a suggestion for using up fairly small pieces of material. Two to three contrasting colors that blend could be used to carry out this idea since it is divided into sections.

The bib shown is just a suggestion for baby and is inexpensive though practical. A few of these could be cut from unbleached factory cotton and bound with pale blue bias tape with a duck or bunny pattern applied.

The girdle and flower trimming suitable for a young girl's party dress shown in the upper left hand corner is made by coiling gold ribbon with a contrasting color over a piece of wide elastic for the girdle, and the flowers are made first by gathering a small circle of silk over a bit of cotton-batting to form a ball. Fig 1 and Fig. 2 show a bias piece of silk doubled (or ribbon on the straight may be used) with a gathering thread run in. This should measure about four inches at the widest edge. Five of these (Fig. 3) each overlapping the other slightly as shown in Fig. 4, to be gathered over the ball shown in Fig. 1 forms the flower. Ends and loops of ribbon are used to finish. Figs. 6, 7 and 8 illustrate the different stages in making this ribbon rosette so suitable as a finish for lingerie.

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The Window-Gazer

By ISABEL ECCLESTONE MACKAY

(Continued from Last Week)

What Has Happened so Far

Hamilton Spence, a young professor from Ontario, made arrangements by mail to stay as boarding guest at the home of Dr. Herbert Farr, on an island off the main coast, near Vancouver. Spence wanted a rest and the opportunity of studying the West Coast Indians, and of gathering their folk-lore. He arrived, and found that Dr. Farr was a half-demented rogue, who, although he had secured a month's board in advance, had no intention of letting the professor stay with him. There were two other people in the Farr household: Li Ho, the Chinese cook and general servant, and Desire, the doctor's daughter. After bathing in a mountain lake, Spence had a seizure of sciatica, which his own doctor and friend, familiarly known as "Bones," had warned him might come upon him at any time. He was forced to remain in the cottage an unwilling and impatient invalid. Desire became his nurse. The professor was much puzzled by this matter-of-fact young woman, who lived among surroundings so unsuited to her. He found that Dr. Farr angrily resented any questioning in regard to Desire. Questioned as to why she did not leave home, Desire explained that she had tried that, but always Dr. Farr had made it impossible for her to keep any business position. Telling Spence of her early life and its unhappiness, she said: "When I was younger we lived in towns. I used to wander off by myself down the main streets to gaze in the windows. I never went into any of the stores. The things I wanted were inside and for sale—but I could not buy them. I was just a window-gazer. That's what I am still. Life is for sale somewhere. But I cannot buy it."

CHAPTER VII

IN the form of a letter from Professor Spence to his friend, Dr. John Rogers.

No letter yet from you, Bones; Bainbridge must be having the measles. Or perhaps I am not allowing for the fact that it takes almost a fortnight to go and come across this little bit of Empire. Also Li Ho hasn't been across the Inlet for a week. He says "Tillieum too muchy hole. Li Ho long time patch um."

On still days, I can hear him doing it. Perhaps my hostess is right and we are not so far away from the beach as I fancied on the night of my arrival. I'll test this detail, and many others, soon. For today I am sitting up. I'm sure I could walk a little, if I were to try. But I am not in a hurry. Hurry is a vice of youth.

And I am actually getting some work done. Bones, old thing, I have made a discovery for the lack of which many famous men have died too soon. I have discovered the perfect secretary!

These blank lines represent all the things which I might say but which, with great moral effort, I suppress. I know what a frightful bore is the man who insists upon talking about a new discovery. Therefore I shall not indulge my natural inclination to tell you just how perfect this secretary is. I shall merely note that she is quick, accurate, silent, interested, appreciative, intelligent to a remarkable degree—Good Heavens! I'm doing it!

I blush now when I remember that I engaged Miss Farr's services in the first place from motives of philanthropy. Is it possible that I was ever fatuous enough to believe that I was the party who conferred the benefit? If so, I very soon discovered my mistake. In justice to myself I must state that I saw at once what a treasure I had come upon. You remember what a quick, sure judgment my father had? Somehow I seem to be getting more like him all the time. The moment any proposition takes on a purely business aspect, I become, as it were, pure intellect. I see the exact value, business value, of the thing. Aunt Caroline never agrees with me in this. She insists upon referring to that oil property at Green Lake and that little matter of South American Mines. But those mistakes were trifles. Any man might have made them.

In this case, where I am right on the spot, there can be no possibility of a mistake. I see with my own eyes. Miss Farr is a dream of secretarial efficiency. She combines, with ease, those widely differing qualities which are so difficult to come by in a single individual. It is inspiring to work with her. I find that her co-operation actually stimulates creative thought. My notes are expanding at a most

satisfactory rate. My introductory chapter already assumes form. And—by Jove! I seem to be doing it again.

But one simply does not make these discoveries every day.

The other aspects of the situation here, the non-business aspects, are not so satisfactory. The menage is certainly peculiar. I had what amounted to a bloodless duel with mine host the other day. Perhaps I was not as tactful as I might have been. But he is an irritating person. One of those people who seem to file your nerves. In fact there is something almost upsetting about that mild old scoundrel. He gives me what the Scots call a "seunner." (You have to hear a true Scot pronounce it before you get its inner meaning.) And when, that day, he began talking about his daughter's future being her father's care, I said—I forget exactly what I said but he seemed to get the idea all right. It annoyed him. We were both annoyed. He did not put his feelings into words. He put them into his eyes instead. And horrid, nasty feelings they were. Quite murderous.

The duel was interrupted by Li Ho. Li Ho never listens but he always hears. Seems to have some quieting influence over his "honorable Boss," too.

But I wish you could have seen the old fellow's eyes, Bones. I think they might have told some tale to a medical mind. Normally, his eyes are blurry like the rest of his fatherly face. And their color, I think, is blue. But just then they looked like no eyes I have ever seen. A cold light on burnished steel is the only simile I can think of—perfect hardness, perfect coldness, lustre without depth! The description is poor, but you may get the idea better if I describe the effect of the look rather than the look itself. The warm spot in my heart froze. And it takes something fairly eerie to freeze the heart at its core.

From this, as a budding psychologist, I draw a conclusion—there was something abnormal, something not quite human in that flashing look. The conclusion seems somewhat strained now. But at the time I was undoubtedly glad to see Li Ho. Li Ho may be a Chink, but he is human.

You may gather that our "battle of the Glances" did not smooth my pillow here. If the old chap didn't want me to stay before, he is even less anxious for my company now. But I am going to stay. Aunt Caroline would call this stubbornness. But of course it isn't. It is merely a certain strength of character and a business determination to carry out a business bargain. Dr. Farr allowed me to engage board here and to pay for it. I am under no obligation to take cognizance of his deeper feelings.

The only feelings which concern me in this matter are the feelings of his daughter. If my staying were to prove a burden for her I could not, of course, stay. But I see many ways in which I may be helpful, and I know that she needs and wants the secretarial work which I have given her. Usually she holds her head high and one isn't even allowed to guess. But one does guess. Her meagre ration of life is plain beyond all artifice of pride.

John, she interests me intensely. She is a strange child. She is a strange woman. For both child and woman she seems to be, in fascinating combination. But, lest you should mistake me, good old bone-head, let me make it plain that there is absolutely no danger of my falling in love with her. My interest is not that kind of interest. I am far too hard headed to be susceptible. I can appreciate the tragedy of a charming girl placed in such unsavory environment, and feel impelled to seek some way of escape for her without being for one moment disturbed by that unreasoning madness called love. Every student of psychology understands the nature and the danger of loving. Every sensible student profits by what he understands. You and I have had this out before and you know my unalterable determination never to allow myself to



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become the slave of those primitive and passing instincts. Nature, the old hussy, is welcome to the use of man as a tool for her own purposes. But there are enough tools without me. The race will not perish because I intend to remain my own man.

But I shall have to evolve some way of helping Miss Farr. She cannot be left here under these conditions.

I am writing to Aunt Caroline, briefly, that I am immersed in study and that my return is indefinite. Don't, for heaven's sake, let her suspect that I have employed Miss Farr as secretary. You know Aunt Caroline's failing. Do be discreet!

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VIII

Desire was seated upon a moss-covered rock, hugging her knees and gazing out to sea. It was her favorite attitude and, according to Professor Spence, a very dangerous one, especially in connection with a moss-covered rock. He would have liked to point out this obvious fact but that would have been fussy—and fussy the professor was firmly determined not to be. Aunt Caroline was fussy. The best he could do was to select another rock, not so slippery, and to provide an object lesson as to the proper way of sitting upon it. Unfortunately, Desire was not looking.

They had come a little way "up trail"—at least Desire had said it was a little way, and her companion was too proud of his recovered powers of locomotion to express unkind doubt of the adjective. There had been no rainy days for a week. The air was sun-soaked, and salt-soaked, and somewhere there was a wind. But not here. Here some high rock angle shut it out and left them to the drowsy calm of wakening summer. Below them lay the blue-green gulf, white-flecked and gently heaving; above them bent a sky which only Italy could rival—and if Miss Farr with her hands clasped round her knees were to move ever so little, either way, there was nothing to prevent her from falling off the face of the mountain. The professor tried not to let this reflection spoil his enjoyment of the view. He reminded himself that she was probably much safer than she looked. And he remembered Aunt Caroline. Still—

"Don't you think you might sit a little farther back?" he suggested carelessly.

"Why?"

"I can't talk to the back of your head."

"Talk!" dreamily, "do you really have to talk?"

Naturally the professor was silent.

"That's rude, I suppose," said Desire, suddenly swinging round (a feat which brought Spence's heart into his mouth). "I don't seem to acquire the social graces very rapidly, do I?"

"I thought," the professor's tone was somewhat stiff, "that we came up here for the express purpose of talking."

"Yes. You did express some such purpose. But—must we? It won't do any good, you know."

"I don't know. And it will do good. One can't get anywhere without proper discussion."

The girl sighed. "Very well—let's discuss. You begin."

"My month," said Spence firmly, "is almost up. I shall have to move along on Friday."

"On Friday?" If he had intended to startle her, he had certainly succeeded. "Was—was the arrangement only for a month?" she asked in a lowered voice.

"The arrangement was to continue for as long as I wished. But only one month's payment was made in advance. With Friday, Dr. Farr's obligation toward me ends. He is not likely to extend it."

She sat so still that he forgot how slippery the moss was and thought only of the growing shadow on her face.

"But, the work!" she murmured. "We are only just beginning. I wish—oh, I shall miss it dreadfully."

"It," said Spence, "is not a personal pronoun."

"I shall miss you, too, of course."
 "Well, be careful not to overemphasize it."

Her grey eyes looked frankly and straightly into his. Their clear depths held a rueful smile. "You are conceited enough already," she said, "but if it will make you feel any better, I don't mind admitting that I shall miss you far, far more than you deserve."

"Spoken like a lady!" said Spence warmly. "And now let us consider my side of it. After the month that I have spent here—do you really think that I intend to go away—like that?"

"There is only one way of going, isn't there?"

"Not at all. There are various ways. Ways which are quite, quite different."

"You have thought of some other—some quite different way?"

"Yes. But I daren't tell it to you while you sit on that slippery rock. It is a somewhat startling way and you might—er—manifest emotion. I should prefer to have you manifest it in a less dangerous place."

Desire's very young laugh rippled out. "Fussy!" she said. But nevertheless she climbed down and sat demurely upon stones in the hollow. There was an unfamiliar light in her waiting eyes, the light of interest and of hope.

Spence, rather to his consternation, realized that it was up to him to justify that hope. And he wasn't at all sure . . . however, he had to go through with it. . . . There was a fighting chance, anyway.

"Let's think about the work for a moment," he began, nervously. "That work, my book, you know, is simply going all to pot if you can't keep on with it. You can see yourself what it means to have a competent secretary. And you like the work. You've just admitted that you like it."

He saw the light begin to fade from her eyes. She shook her head.

"If you are going to suggest that I go with you as your secretary," she said with her old bluntness, "it is useless. I have tried that way out. I won't try it again." Her lips grew stern and her eyes dark with some too bitter memory.

"I honestly don't see what Dr. Farr could do," said Spence, tentatively.

"You would," said Dr. Farr's daughter with decision.

"And anyway," proceeding hastily, "that wasn't what I was thinking of. I knew that you would refuse to go as my secretary. I ask you to go as my wife."

Desire arose.

"Is this where I am expected to manifest emotion?" she asked, dryly.

"Yes. And you're doing it! I knew you would. Women are utterly unreasoning. You won't even listen to what I have to say."

The girl moved slowly away.

"And I can't get up without help," he added querulously.

Desire stopped. "You can," she said.

"I can't. Not after that dreadful climb."

"Then I shall wait until you are ready. But we do not need to continue this conversation."

The professor sighed. "This," he said, "is what comes of taking a woman at her word."

"What?"

"I might have known," he went on, guilefully, "that you didn't really mean it. No young girl would."

"Mean what?"

"That you had no room in your scheme of things for ordinary marriage. Of course you were talking nonsense. I beg your pardon."

"Will you kindly explain what you mean?"

"I will if you will sit down so that I may talk to you on my own level. You see, your determination not to marry struck me very much at the time because it voiced my own—er—determination also. I said to myself, 'Here are two people sufficiently original to wish to escape the common lot.' I thought about it a great deal. And then an idea came. It was, I admit, the inspiration of a moment. But it grew. It certainly grew."

Desire sat down again and folded her hands over her knees.

"I will listen."

"It is very simple," he hastened to

explain. "Simplicity is, I think, the keynote of all true inspiration. An idea comes, and we are filled with amazement that we have so long ignored the obvious. Take our case. Here are we two, strongly of one mind and wanting the same thing. A perfectly feasible way of getting that thing occurs to me. Yet when I suggest this way you jump up and rush away."

"I haven't rushed yet."

"No. But you were going to. And all because you cannot be logical. No woman can."

His listener brushed this away with a gesture of impatience.

"I can prove it," went on the wily one. "You object to marriage, yet you covet the freedom marriage gives. Now what is the logical result of that? The logical result is fear—fear that some day you may want freedom so badly that you will marry in order to get it."

"It is not—I won't."

"I knew you would not admit it. But it is true all the same. The other night when you said 'marriage is hideous,' I saw fear in your eyes. There is fear in your eyes now."

The girl dropped her eyes and raised them again instantly. Her slanting eyebrows frowned.

"Nevertheless," she said, "I shall not marry."

"But you will, as an honest person, admit the other part of the proposition—that you want something at least of what marriage can give?"

"Yes."

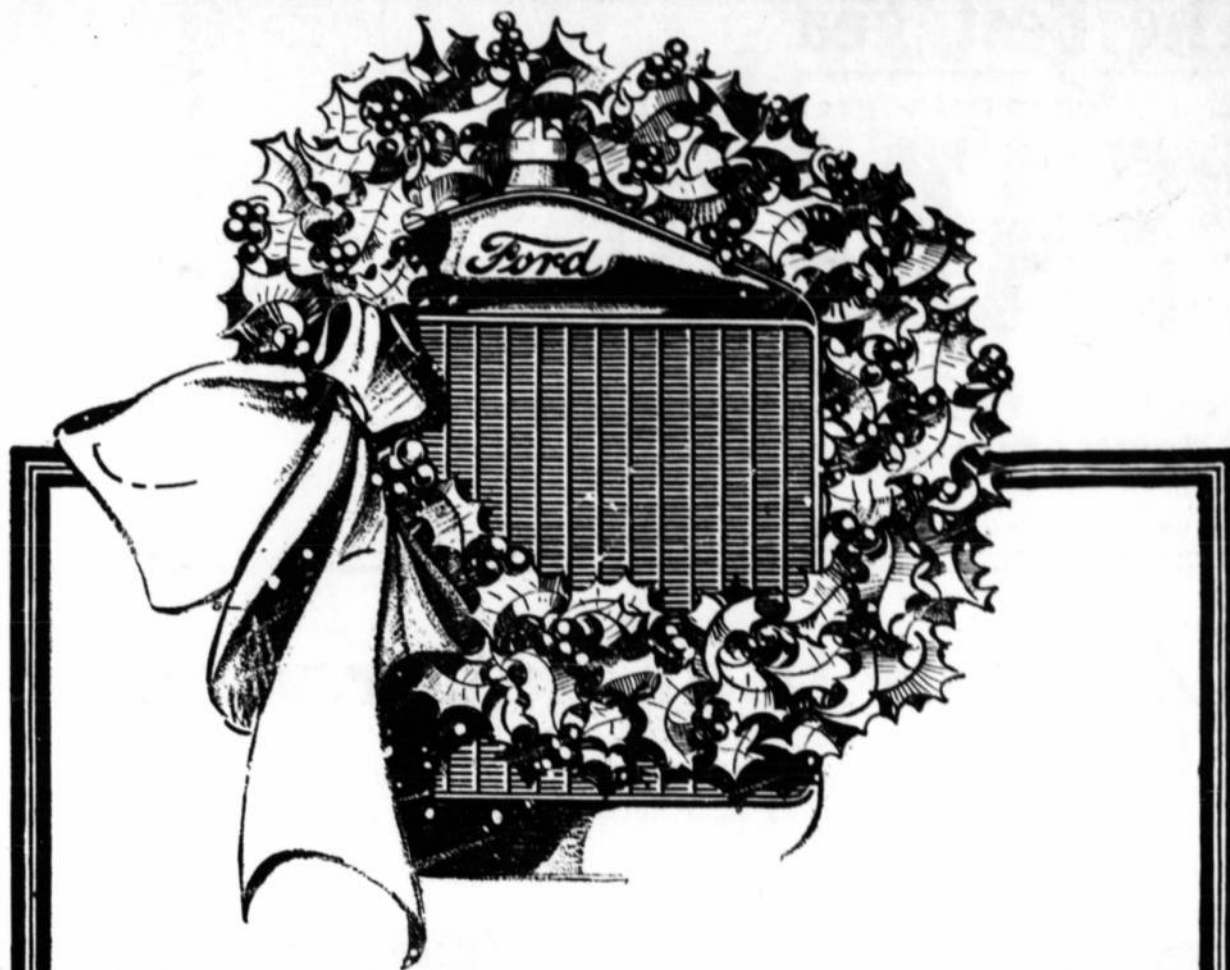
"Well then—that states your case. Now let me state mine. I, too, have an insuperable objection to marriage. My—er—disinclination is probably more soundly based than yours, since it is built upon a wider view of life. But I, too, want certain things which marriage might bring. I want a home.

Not too homey a home, in the strictly domestic sense (Aunt Caroline is strictly domestic) but a—congenial home. I want the advice and help of a clever woman together with the sense of permanence and security which, in our imperfect state of civilization, is made possible only by marriage. And I, too, have my secret fear. I am afraid that some day I may be driven—in short, I am afraid of Aunt Caroline."

Desire's enquiring eyebrows lifted.

"A man—afraid of his aunt?"

"Yes," gloomily, "it is men who are afraid of aunts. It is not at all funny," he added as her eyes relaxed, "if you knew Aunt Caroline you wouldn't think so. She is determined to have me married and she has a long life of successful effort behind her. One failure is nothing to an aunt. She is always quite certain that the next venture will turn out well. And it usually does. In brief, I am 35 and I go in terror of the



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unknown. If I do not marry soon to please myself, I shall end by marrying to please someone else. Do you follow me?"

"Make it plainer," ordered Desire soberly. "Make it absolutely plain."

"I will. My proposition is, in its truest and strictest sense, a marriage of convenience. Marriage, it appears, can give us both what we want, a formal ceremony will legalize your position as my secretary and free you entirely from the interference of your father. It will permit you to accept freely my protection and everything else which I have. Your way will be open to the things you spoke of the other night, freedom, leisure, money, travel, books. The only thing we are shutting out is the thing you say you have no use for—love. But perhaps you did not mean—"

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"Then, logically, my proposal is sound."

"Am I to take all these things, and give nothing?"

"Not at all. You give me the things I want most, freedom, security, the grace of companionship, and collaboration in my work, so long as your interest in it continues. I will be a safely married man and you—you will be a window-gazer no longer. There is only one point"—the speaker's gaze turned from her and wandered out to sea—"I can be sure of what I can bring into your life," his voice was almost stern, "but I warn you to be very sure of what you will be shutting out."

"You mean?"

"Children," said Spence crisply.

"I do not care for children."

The professor's soberness vanished.

"Oh—what a whopper!" he exclaimed.

"I mean, I do not want children of my own."

"But supposing you were to develop a desire for them later on?"

She nodded thoughtfully.

"I might," she acknowledged. "But in my case it would be merely the outcropping of a feminine instinct, easily suppressed. I am not at all afraid of it. Look at all the women who are perfectly happy without children."

"Hum!" said the professor. "I am looking at them. But I find them unconvincing. There are a few, however, of whom what you say is true. You may be one of them. How about Sami?"

"Sami? Oh, Sami is different. He is more like a mountain imp than a child. I don't think Sami would seem real anywhere but here. If anyone were to try to transplant him he might vanish altogether. Poor little chap—how terribly he would miss me!" finished Desire, artlessly.

She had accepted the possibility, then! Spence's heart gave a leap and was promptly reproved for leaping. This was not, he reminded himself, an affair of the heart at all. It was a coldly-thought-out, hard-headed business proposition. Such a proposition as his father's son might fittingly conceive. The thing to do now was to stride on briskly and avoid sentiment.

"Then as we seem to agree upon the essentials," he said, "there remains only one concrete difficulty, your father. He would object to marriage as to other things, I suppose?"

"Yes, but we should have to ignore that."

"You wouldn't mind?" somewhat doubtfully.

"No. I have always known that a break would come some day. It isn't as if he really cared. Or as if I cared. I don't. If I should decide that there is an honest chance for freedom, a chance which I can take and keep my self-respect, I am conscious of no duty that need restrain me."

Spence said nothing, and after a moment she went on.

"Why should I pretend—as he pretends? I loath it! Day after day, even when there is no one to see, he keeps up that horrible semblance of affection. And all the time he hates me. I see it in his eyes. And once or twice—" She hesitated and then went rapidly on without finishing her sentence. "There is some reason why it is to his advantage to keep me with him. But it imposes no obligation upon me. I do not even know what it is."

"Perhaps Li Ho may know?"

"Li Ho does know. Li Ho knows everything. But when I asked him he said, 'Honorable boss much lonely—heap scared of devil maybe.' Li Ho always refers to devils when he doesn't wish to tell anything."

"I've noticed that. He's a queer devil himself. Would he stay on, do you think?"

"Yes. And that's odd, too. In some way Li Ho is father's man. It's as if he owned him. There must be a story which explains it. But no one will ever hear it. Li Ho keeps his secrets."

Spence nodded. "Yes. Li Ho and his kind are the product of forces we only guess at. I asked a man who had spent twenty years in China if he had learned to understand the Oriental mind. He said he had learned more than that, he had learned that the Oriental mind is beyond understanding. But—aren't we getting away from our

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subject? Let's begin all over again.
Miss Farr, I have the honor to ask
your hand in marriage."

She was silent for so long a time
that the professor had opportunity to
think of many things. And, as he
thought, his heart went down—and
down. She would refuse. He knew it.
The clean edge of her mind would cut
through all his tangle of words right
to the core of the real issue. And the
core of the real issue was not as sound
as it would need to be to satisfy her
demands. For in that core still lay a
possibility, the possibility of love. He
had not eliminated love. Many a man
has loved after thirty-five. Many a girl
who has sworn—but no, she would not
admit this possibility in her own case.
It was only in his case that she would
recognize it. She would see the weak
spot there She would refuse.
He could feel refusal gathering in her
heart. And his own heart beat hotly
in his throat. For if this failed, what
other way was left? Yet to go and
leave her here, alone in that rotting
cottage on the hill the prey
of any ghastly fate no, it
couldn't be done. He must convince
her. He must.

"My friend," said Desire (he loved
her odd, old-fashioned way of calling
him "my friend"), "I admit that you
have tempted me. But—I can't. It
wouldn't be fair. It is easy to feel sure
for one's self but it's another thing
to be sure for others. A marriage of
that kind would not satisfy you. You
say your outlook is wider than mine
and of course it is. But I have seen
more than you think. Even men who
are tremendously interested in their
work, like you, want—other things.
They want what they call love, even if
to them it always sinks to second place,
if indeed it means nothing more than
distraction. And love would mean more
than that to you. I have an instinct
which tells me that, in your case, love
will come. You must be free to take
it."

It was final. He felt its finality, and
more than ever he swore that it should
not be so. There must be an argument
somewhere—wait!

"Supposing," said Spence, haltingly,
"Supposing supposing I am
not free now? Supposing love has come
—and gone?"

He was not a good liar. But his very
ineptitude helped him here. It tangled
the words on his tongue, it brought a
convincing dew upon his forehead.
"I'd rather not talk about it," he
finished. "But you see what I mean."
"Yes, I hadn't thought of that. It
might make a difference. I should want
to be very sure. If there were any
chance—"

"There is no chance. Positively
none. That experience, which you say
you feel was a necessary experience in
my case, is over and done with. It
cannot recur. I am not the man to—
to—" he was really unable to go on.
But she finished it for him.

"To love twice," said Desire, look-
ing out over the sea. "Yes I can
understand that—what did you say?"

"I think I may be able to walk
now," said the professor.

(To be continued next week.)

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the worms and saved our gardens."

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From G. LeGallais, Marquis, Sask.:

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Outlawing War

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aggressive war is declared to be "an international crime." That is one of the significant declarations of the protocol and by it there is realized the objective of the movement to "outlaw war." The next thing was to define an "aggressor." Article 10 of the protocol says: "Every state which resorts to war in violation of the undertakings contained in the covenant or in the present protocol is an aggressor." In detail, an aggressor state is one which: (1) Resorts to war rather than submit the dispute to the procedure of pacific settlement provided for in the protocol; (2) goes to war rather than accept the verdict of any of the arbitral bodies; (3) commits an act of war when the Council has forbidden it to move its forces. It is provided, however, that when the matter of a dispute has been adjudged to be within the domestic jurisdiction of a state, a state commencing hostilities with respect to such dispute is an aggressor only when the matter has not been previously submitted to the Council or Assembly of the League for "consideration of the situation." This provision, and the provision that the League shall give consideration to the situation created when a dispute is adjudged to be over a matter of domestic jurisdiction, constitute the much-discussed Japanese amendments to the protocol, amendments which at one time threatened to disrupt the Assembly and which may yet reduce all the labors of the Fifth Assembly to nullity. It is claimed they invade the sphere of national sovereignty.

If the Council finds it difficult to determine immediately the aggressor in outbreak of hostilities it is bound to impose an armistice upon the belligerents.

Pledge to Resist Aggression

When the aggressor is declared by the Council, the members of the League pledge themselves to apply the penalties contained in Article 16 of the covenant. These penalties are economic, financial and military. In the case of the latter the Council cannot order the contribution of each state, it may only recommend, but geographical position is taken into consideration in fixing the degree of obligation. Every signatory to the protocol, however, agrees "to co-operate loyally and effectively in support of the covenant of the League of Nations and in resistance to any act of aggression." While the protocol does not define the extent of the liability of a state to resist an aggressor, it does exact from each a straight pledge to do all it can in a military contribution. A state may say: "We can only do so much"; it may not, without violating its pledge, say: "We will do nothing."

Armaments Conference

Disarmament—Article 17 of the protocol provides for an international conference for the reduction of armaments which shall be convened by the Council of the League of Nations and shall meet at Geneva on June 15, 1925. All states, whether members of the League or not, are to be invited to this conference. It is further provided, however, that if by May 1, 1925, the protocol has not been ratified by three of the four permanent members of the Council of the League—Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan—and ten other members of the League, the conference may be postponed, or, in the discretion of the Council, cancelled altogether.

The protocol comes into force only after a plan for the reduction of armaments has been agreed upon and accepted by the nations. If the plan adopted by the conference is not ratified by the several states within a period set by the conference, then the Council will make a declaration to that effect and the protocol will become null and void. This great instrument for the outlawing of war, therefore, depends upon the conference for the reduction of armaments. Its provisions for peace, security and disarmament constitute an inseparable whole.

Beg Pardon

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By J. Edw. Tufft



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Chickens, under 4 lbs.	18c
Fowl, over 5 lbs.	20c
Fowl, 4 to 5 lbs.	17c
Fowl, under 4 lbs.	13c
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Spring Chickens, 4 to 5 lbs.	16c	Spring Chickens, 4 to 5 lbs.	21c
Spring Chickens, under 4 lbs.	13c	Spring Chickens, under 4 lbs.	17c
Fowl, over 5 lbs.	15c	Fowl, over 5 lbs.	18c
Fowl, 4 to 5 lbs.	12c	Fowl, 4 to 5 lbs.	15-16c
Fowl, under 4 lbs.	8c	Fowl, under 4 lbs.	12c
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Hens, 5 to 6 lbs.	15c
Hens, 4 to 5 lbs.	13c
Hens, under 4 lbs.	9c
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	Per lb.
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Chickens, 4 to 5 lbs.	21-22c
Chickens, under 4 lbs.	19c
Fowl, over 5 lbs.	19c
Fowl, 4 to 5 lbs.	16-17c
Fowl, under 4 lbs.	13c
Turkeys, over 12 lbs.	23-24c
Turkeys, 10 to 12 lbs.	21c
Turkeys, under 10 lbs.	18-19c
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Spring Chickens, dressed, over 5 lbs.	23c
Spring Chickens, dressed, 4 to 5 lbs.	20c
Spring Chickens, dressed, under 4 lbs.	16c
Fowl, dressed, over 5 lbs.	18c
Fowl, dressed, 4 to 5 lbs.	16c
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Chickens, under 4 lbs.	13-14c
Hens, 6 lbs. and over, fat	17c
Hens, 5 lbs. to 6 lbs.	14-15c
Hens, 4 lbs. to 5 lbs.	12-13c
Turkeys, 12 lbs. and over, No. 1	18-19c
Turkeys, 8 lbs. to 12 lbs.	16-17c
Ducks and Geese, fat	12c
Ducks and Geese, medium	10c

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Hens, 5 lbs. to 6 lbs.	15c
Hens, 4 lbs. to 5 lbs.	12-13c
Turkeys, 12 lbs. and over, No. 1	18-19c
Turkeys, 8 lbs. to 12 lbs.	16-17c
Ducks and Geese, fat	12c
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The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, Man., November 28, 1924.

WHEAT—Wheat market has been unsettled with sentiment mixed. Early in the week the Egyptian trouble and reports of bad harvesting weather in the Argentine caused buying which created a sharp advance in the market for deferred delivery grains. Since that time trading has been dull with an occasional burst of strength when buying orders drained the market temporarily. There has been an easier tendency prevalent throughout the major part of the week, and a dullness caused by light selling and light buying. Bad weather in the Argentine is not helping the world's wheat situation. The news is mostly bullish. There was a report of France selling half-a-million bushels of wheat which had been bought at a lower price, and this, while bread is the highest in that country in years. That is not so bullish, but is of small account. The facts are that export business is not quite so brisk as it might be. Buyers are taking some wheat but the action of the November delivery option and cash wheat markets during the last few days reflects a poor demand for grain for shipment before navigation closes. Coarse grains are in much the same position and have followed wheat. Barley and oats have been offered heavily, and the demand has been lacking. The export trade in these grains has faded badly recently, and it looks as though there will be a carry-over of large quantities of each until the opening of navigation. Rye is fairly firm. Trade is very small in this now and largely of a speculative nature.

WINNIPEG FUTURES									
Nov. 24 to Nov. 29 inclusive.									
	24	25	26	27	28	29	Week Ago	Year Ago	
Wheat—									
Nov. 167	163	163	162	162	162	165	165	165	92
Dec. 163	160	162	161	161	160	161	161	161	92
May 167	165	167	166	167	166	165	165	165	98
Oats—									
Nov. 59	58	59	58	58	57	59	59	59	37
Dec. 60	59	59	59	58	58	59	59	59	37
May 65	63	64	64	64	63	64	64	64	41
Barley—									
Nov. 85	83	83	83	82	82	87	87	87	53
Dec. 85	83	83	83	82	82	85	85	85	53
May 90	87	88	88	88	88	89	89	89	55
Flax—									
Nov. 241	238	237	238	237	234	239	239	239	199
Dec. 240	237	237	237	237	232	238	238	238	199
May 248	245	245	245	245	241	246	246	246	206
Rye—									
Nov. 130	126	127	126	126	125	128	128	128	64
Dec. 130	126	127	126	126	124	129	129	129	64
May 136	133	134	133	133	132	135	135	135	69

CASH WHEAT									
Nov. 24 to Nov. 29, inclusive.									
	24	25	26	27	28	29	Week Ago	Year Ago	
1 N	169	165	164	163	164	163	167	94	
2 N	165	160	160	159	159	158	163	91	
3 N	159	155	155	154	154	152	157	85	
4	140	145	146	145	144	142	147	78	
5	141	137	137	137	136	135	137	70	
6	126	122	122	121	121	120	121	68	
Feed	105	100	100	101	101	98	101	67	

LIVERPOOL PRICES

Liverpool market closed November 28 as follows: March 1½d lower at 12s 9½d; May 1½d lower at 12s 9½d per 100 pounds. Exchange, Canadian funds, quoted ½c higher at \$4.61½. Worked out into bushels and Canadian currency the Liverpool close was: May, \$1.76½; March, \$1.77½.

MINNEAPOLIS CASH PRICES

No. 1 dark northern, \$1.53½ to \$1.74½; No. 1 northern, \$1.52½ to \$1.53½; No. 2 dark northern, \$1.50½ to \$1.71½; No. 2 northern, \$1.48½ to \$1.50½; No. 3 dark northern, \$1.47½ to \$1.68½; No. 3 northern, \$1.46½ to \$1.49½. Montana—No. 1 dark hard, \$1.49½ to \$1.68½; No. 1 hard, \$1.48½ to \$1.59½. Minnesota and South Dakota—No. 1 dark hard, \$1.47½ to \$1.52½; No. 1 hard, \$1.46½ to \$1.51½; No. 1 amber durum \$1.48 to \$1.59; No. 2 durum, \$1.44 to \$1.52; No. 3 amber, \$1.46 to \$1.55; No. 3 durum, \$1.43 to \$1.50. Corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.14½ to \$1.15; No. 3 yellow, \$1.09 to \$1.12½; No. 2 mixed, \$1.08½ to \$1.12½; No. 3 mixed, \$1.02½ to \$1.07½. Oats—No. 2 white, 49½c to 49½c; No. 3 white, 48½c; No. 4 white, 46½c to 48½c. Barley—Choice to fancy, 80c to 83c; medium to good, 75c to 79c; lower grades, 66c to 74c. Rye—No. 2, \$1.25½ to \$1.26½. Flaxseed—No. 1, \$2.64 to \$2.65.

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WINNIPEG LIVESTOCK

The Livestock Department of the United Grain Growers Limited, report as follows for the week ending November 28, 1924: Receipts this week: Cattle, 6,564; hogs, 7,076; sheep, 778. Last week: Cattle, 8,843; hogs, 8,401; sheep, 994.

Those who followed the advice given in our last week's market letter and held back their shipments for this week's market are realizing an advance of between 25c and 50c per cwt. With an exceedingly light run this week, the cattle trade assumed a very active tone and those coming on the market this week are exceedingly well pleased with prices. The higher prices of this week will likely result in heavier deliveries next week, and while we expect prices on the good quality cattle will hold steady we anticipate a weakening in the lower grades. There are exceedingly few real good butcher steers coming forward, and practically no exporters, and under these conditions it is almost impossible to build up a permanent export trade in these classes. What few choice butcher steers are available are selling at around \$5.00, with a few a shade higher, medium qualities from \$4.50 to \$4.75. Good handy-weight butcher heifers are making \$4.25 quite easily, while a few odd choice ones are changing hands at \$4.50. The range in top butcher cows is from \$3.25 to \$3.50, fair to good qualities \$2.50 to \$2.75. The low market of a week or ten days ago brought a great number of western feeder buyers to this market, the greater percentage of them, however, had to return home with unfilled orders, as the class of cattle they wanted were not here, and prices had worked too high for them. Good feeder steers are bringing from \$3.50 to \$4.25. Good stockers from \$3.25 to \$3.75. Plain stockers \$2.50 to \$3.00. The calf market is considerably stronger, best vealers making \$5.50, heavier weight calves from \$3.50 to \$4.00, plain calves \$2.00 to \$3.00.

In the hog section we also find an improvement in price, thick-smooths ranging from \$8.15 to \$8.35, with a 10 per cent. premium over these prices for select hogs. Shop hogs are bringing \$1.50 per cwt. under thick-smooth price, and lights and feeders ranging in price all the way from \$3.00 to \$5.50 depending on quality. Hog raisers should realize that under the new grading system all hogs are being bought on a quality basis, the fixed arbitrary differential in price being done away with.

Sheep and lamb receipts continue light, top lambs bringing from \$12 to \$12.50, medium qualities \$10 to \$11. Light-weight butcher sheep \$5.50 to \$6.00 with practically no sheep or lambs suitable for feeding or breeding purposes coming on the market.

Special Notice

Stock raisers should remember that from now on not only the chances but the prospects are for much steadier livestock prices with an improvement from time to time. This is especially applicable to the well-finished and breedy stock.

Shippers from Saskatchewan and Alberta should bring health certificates covering cattle shipments. This is very important.

The following summary shows the prevailing prices at present:

Choice export steers.....	\$4.50 to \$5.25
Prime butcher steers.....	4.50 to 5.00
Good to choice steers.....	4.00 to 4.50
Medium to good steers.....	3.50 to 4.00
Common steers.....	2.00 to 3.00
Choice feeder steers.....	3.75 to 4.25
Medium feeders.....	3.00 to 3.75
Common feeder steers.....	2.00 to 2.50
Good stocker steers.....	3.25 to 3.50
Medium stockers.....	2.75 to 3.25
Common stockers.....	2.00 to 2.50
Choice butcher heifers.....	4.00 to 4.25
Fair to good heifers.....	3.00 to 3.50
Medium heifers.....	2.50 to 2.75
Stock heifers.....	2.00 to 2.50
Choice butcher cows.....	2.75 to 3.25
Fair to good cows.....	2.25 to 2.75
Cutter cows.....	1.50 to 1.75
Breedy stock cows.....	1.50 to 1.75
Canner cows.....	.75 to 1.75
Choice springers.....	50.00 to 60.00
Common springers.....	15.00 to 25.00
Choice light veal calves.....	4.75 to 5.25
Choice heavy calves.....	3.00 to 3.50
Common calves.....	1.50 to 2.50
Heavy bull calves.....	2.50 to 3.00

CALGARY LIVESTOCK

Receipts in the yards today consisted of 44 cattle, 2 calves, 1,246 hogs and 234 sheep. Good butcher cows, \$2.50 to \$2.75; stocker heifers, \$2.15 to \$3; stocker cows, \$1.75 to \$1.85; stocker steers, \$2.50 to \$3.10; calves, \$2.00 to \$2.90; hogs, thick smooths, \$8.00 to \$8.25; select bacon, \$8.80 to \$9.07.

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EGGS AND POULTRY

WINNIPEG—Eggs: Market firm, receipts very light, consumptive demand good. Dealers quoting country shippers, delivered, extras 43c to 50c; firsts 40c to 45c; seconds 35c. Jobbing extras 60c; firsts 55c; seconds 40c. Retailing extras 65c to 70c; firsts 60c to 65c; seconds 45c to 50c. Poultry: Live chickens 11c to 17c.

fowl 7c to 14c, cocks 6c, ducks 10c, geese 10c, turkeys 14c to 20c. Dressed chickens 15c to 23c, fowl 11c to 18c, cocks 9c, ducks 16c, geese 16c, turkeys 20c to 25c.

REGINA, SASKATOON AND MOOSE JAW —Eggs: Market firm. Dealers quoting country shippers, delivered, extras 43c to 50c, firsts 40c to 45c, seconds 35c. Jobbing extras 60c, firsts 55c, seconds 40c. Retailing extras 65c to 70c, firsts 60c to 65c, seconds 45c to 50c. Poultry: Live chickens 10c to 14c, fowl 5c to 10c, cocks 5c, ducks 8c, geese 8c, turkeys 10c to 14c. Dressed turkeys, 15c to 19c.

EDMONTON—Eggs: Market firm. Jobbing extras 50c, firsts 45c, seconds 34c. Retailing extras fresh 90c. Poultry: Market firm, receipts falling off. Live chickens 9c to 13c, fowl 8c to 11c, turkeys 14c to 16c, geese 9c, ducks 9c.

CALGARY—Eggs: Firm, unchanged. Dealers quoting country shippers, delivered, extras 38c, firsts 33c, seconds 23c. Jobbing extras, \$15 per case, firsts \$13.50 per case; seconds \$11 per case. Poultry: Live chickens 11c to 13c, fowl 7c to 11c, turkeys 9c to 16c, ducks 10c, geese 9c.

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur
November 24 to 29, inclusive

Date	OATS					BARLEY				FLAX				RYE
	2 CW	3 CW	Ex	Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	3 CW	4 CW	Ref.	Fd.	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	2 CW
Nov. 24	60	59	56	54	50	85	80	78	74	241	237	216	130	130
25	58	55	55	53	49	83	78	73	70	238	234	213	126	126
26	59	56	56	54	50	83	78	73	70	237	233	213	127	127
27	59	55	55	53	49	83	78	73	70	237	233	213	126	126
28	58	55	55	53	48	82	77	72	70	237	233	212	124	124
29	58	54	54	52	47	82	77	72	69	237	233	212	124	124
Week Ago	59	56	56	54	50	85	80	78	74	239	235	213	128	128
Year Ago	37	35	35	33	31	56	51	49	49	207	203	175	64	64

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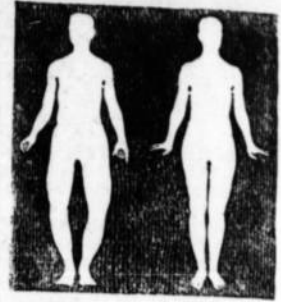
out it was a great mistake bringing Riel into the country; that his hands were still red with blood from the murder of Thomas Scott; that he was a fanatic, and would not listen to any one, not even to the priests of his own faith. We had a good talk well through the night, and before leaving, the poor chaps thanked me with tears in their eyes for good advice, assured me of their loyalty and stated they intended remaining quietly at home in future.

It was fortunate for all of us settlers that Riel led the rebellion, if it had been a very different story to relate as he was strongly opposed to making a stand at Batoche, his aim being guerilla warfare and cutting off supply trains, which, with their profound knowledge of the country would have cost Canada much more in lives and money.

One more incident before my brief sketch closes. Shortly after all fighting was over, I was driving into Prince Albert, and between the rivers came to an Indian encampment of eight or nine tepees; on slowing up to see if I knew them, I was met with an outcry from the women and children, and then recognised them as Stoney Creek Indians (or Beatty's Indians as they were known later). At first they all talked at once, but on quieting them down I gathered the following. A day or two before some mounted police with a half-breed interpreter visited their camps and took all the men prisoners as rebels in spite of much protestation as to their loyalty. The women cried and begged me to see the authorities and get them released as soon as possible or they would all starve.

I promised to do the best I could, and on reaching Prince Albert, went direct to the Indian Agent's office. I at once asked him to release these men, stating I could bring positive proof of their peacefulness, and further could account for their movements during the rebellion. The agent said his interpreter swore they were rebels. I demanded

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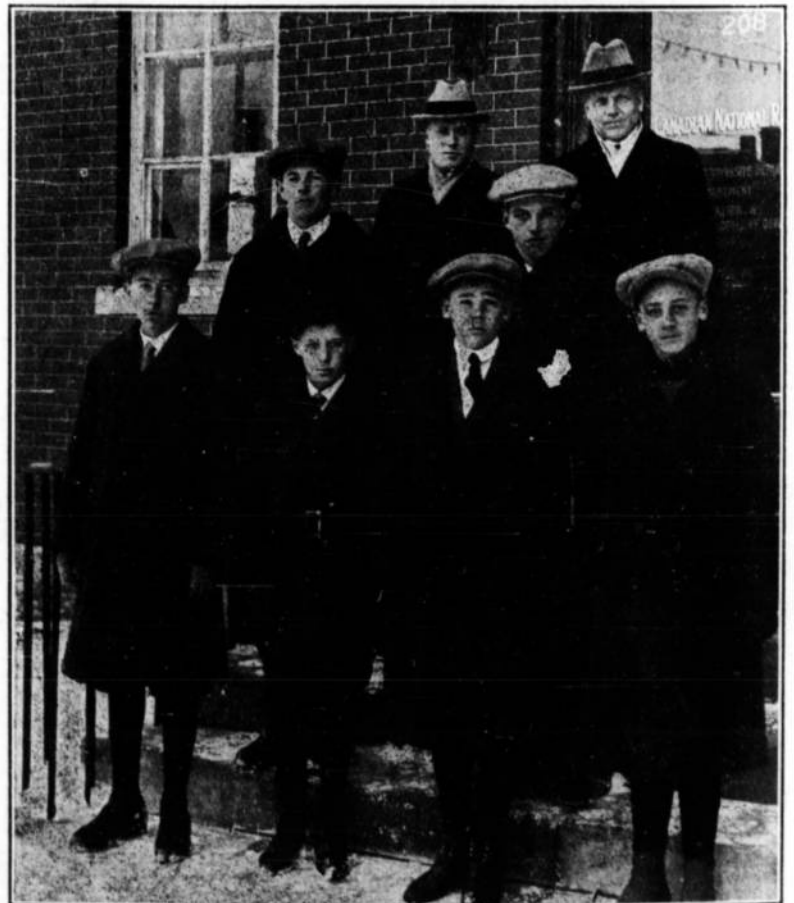
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to be confronted with this man but the agent would not have it. Finally after some more discussion he ordered me out of the office in a very pompous manner. I kept the wires hot to Ottawa and the Indians were released at once, much to the delight of their families. The agent probably meant well, but it was a very unwise move on his part to act as he did, and if his action had been sustained would have cost the country a lot more trouble.

Looking back, the pity of it all as a rebellion was quite uncalled for. Early in the agitation grievances could have been redressed by prompt action on behalf of the authorities. But Ottawa is far away and western appeals are too often neglected. Canada may yet have bitter cause to remember that fact.



The above photo shows the winners in the Canadian National Railways bacon hog judging competition: for Manitoba, Fraser McQuarrie and Nelson Shoemaker, Grandview; for Saskatchewan, Everett Lunan and Raymond Neff, St. Louis; for Alberta, Albert Jones and Peter Wylie, Vegreville. This distinction won them the free trip to the Toronto Royal, offered by the C.N.R. At the judging competition in Toronto, against teams from eastern as well as western provinces, the Alberta boys carried off the palm. In the elimination trials held in Northern Alberta, these two boys had previously won the C.P.R. silver trophy. They were coached by Fred Newcombe, district representative at Vegreville.

Alberta also annexed the more important student's judging competition at Toronto, with a team of five, composed of Thos. Devlin, Wm. Gentleman, Malcolm McAr, C. K. Johns and L. B. Thompson, the team being in charge of Prof. Sackville. The symbol of victory in this competition is the bronze buffalo, donated by the W. C. McDonald Tobacco Co. The McDonald Co. also pays the expenses of the winning team to the Chicago International.

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